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Bush beats Dukakis

Veep edges governor in NECC poll

By Jose Velazquez
Staff Reporter

Republican candidate George Bush edged Democrat Michael Dukakis in an *Observer* poll of 200 students held last week in the NECC cafeteria.

Bush received 52.8 percent in the random survey to Dukakis' 47.2 percent. Nationally, the Republican ticket has recieved a larger percentage of the student vote in recent polls.

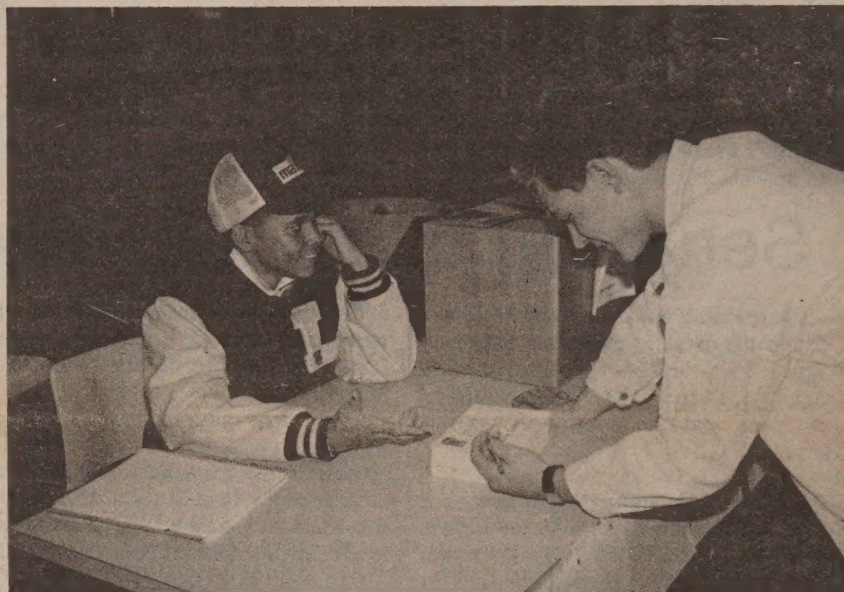
For supporters of Bush, the issues of crime, taxes and values are important. "I support Bush because he best represents the way I feel American society should be run. I also like him because he's tough on crime," Frank Bradley, criminal justice major, said.

Annemarie P. Montello, liberal arts major, said she isn't happy with the choice of candidates, but she prefers the Republican ticket. "I don't like either one, but I go more towards Bush because I feel the Duke will run us broke with taxes."

Mark Berube, commercial art major, said, "I like Bush because he has a great reputation and has proven himself. I also have heard a lot of negative things about Dukakis."

Dukakis supporters are impressed with his honesty and domestic policy priorities. Many interviewed said they feel it is time for a change in the White House.

"I think the United States needs a change, and I think a lot of people are afraid of that," said Susan Inniss, liberal arts/journalism major. "Dukakis will



Getting the vote out

T. Pecorelli photo

JOSE VELAZQUEZ, *Observer* reporter, gets ready to collect a ballot from Chuck Trombly, liberal arts major, at a mock election held in the NECC cafeteria last week. See related stories about the Contemporary Affairs Society mock presidential election on page 20.

bring that change to this country."

Tom Pecorelli, liberal arts major, said the country needs a change. "It's time for some Democratic influence in the White House."

Scott Ippolito, liberal arts major, likes the Democratic ticket for many reasons. "He's honest and Bush is deceitful and

shouldn't be in office. I like Dukakis' policies in education and health services."

Many students passed up the opportunity to vote. Some appeared apathetic while others were disappointed in the choice of candidates. "No matter who wins, we lose," said Jan Paulsen, liberal arts major. □

Senate results questioned

By Lynne Brown
Editor

At the Student Senate meeting Monday, Oct. 17, the validity of the nomination and election of officers held at a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11 were questioned by Senator Matthew D. LaFleur.

LaFleur stated that the entire senate was not aware that the regularly scheduled Senate meeting held on Monday was being rescheduled to Tuesday because of the Columbus Day holiday and that nominations for officers would be due at the meeting.

LaFleur also contended that the elections were invalid because according to the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws, a quorum of half the number of senators plus one, currently nine out of fifteen, is necessary to take votes. Only eight members were present at the October 11 meeting. There was some confusion over whether the quorum is supposed to be eight or nine.

A motion was made by LaFleur to recall the elections and open up the nomination process. The motion carried seven to five with several members abstaining.

The Student Government Association Constitution, which *The Observer* obtained from the Student Activities Office, states in article VB that two thirds of the senate members must be present to have a quorum. Accordingly, a quorum must be ten senators out of fifteen.

Chris Gallant and George E. Dionne Jr. were uncontested in their bids for treasurer and secretary. Patricia Shuman was elected vice-president over her opponent, Dave Cammarata. Cammarata, who is new to the Student Senate was commended by Student Trustee Al Crepeau, Jr. for his willingness to serve the student body and participate in senate activities.

In the race for president, the second-highest elected position in student government, the contestants were LaFleur and Rhonda Imonti. Imonti was the victor.

"The main problem with the school is the apathy, which I have tried not to get rid of but to decrease," Imonti said as she spoke of how much Northern Essex means to her.

Stephen Michaud, student activities director and adviser to the Student Senate, apologized for the confusion surrounding the nomination process for senate officers. He also told the group that as adults, they had certain responsibilities they had to accept as senators. "You need to realize if you want answers you have to do some follow-up yourself," he said.

Members were also elected to serve on the various sub-committees of the All-College Council, the new advisory board to Northern Essex President John R. Dimitry which has student representatives in its membership. The three senators not elected to serve on a committee will serve as alternates if someone else cannot attend a meeting or otherwise fill

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Underfunding is unsporting

Jeers to the Northern Essex administration for ignoring the underfunding faced by the college's sports program.

The college is out-priced not only by other colleges but also by many area high school programs. Many high schools which allocate more money for a coaching position than Northern Essex does for an entire program, including not only the

salary of the head coach but also the assistant coach's salary, officials fees, and operational fees.

The college can not hope to remain competitive in the sports arena if it can not financially compete for quality coaches. If the student activities fund can not support the sports program, perhaps it is time for the college to look at alternative methods of funding. □

Don't forget to vote

The Observer staff can not reach a consensus on who should be our next president. But one thing we do agree upon is that no matter whether you vote for George Bush or Michael Dukakis or opt for another alternative you should exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

In a world where men and women give up their lives for the right to participate in an electoral process we who have the

privilege by birth right should not casually dismiss it as trivial.

No matter what any one may have told you your vote does count. In many elections across our country elections are decided by one or two people.

If you are not sure where and when to vote, contact your city or town clerk's office. They will be more than happy to provide you with that information.

Senate acts responsibly

Congratulations to the Northern Essex Student Senate for recognizing the importance of appearances by voting on Monday, Oct. 17 to recall the senate officers' elections and reopen the nomination process.

On both occasions the newly elected senate either did not realize or believe that their actions were improper. Yet when the validity of the elections held at a special meeting with only eight

members present was questioned, the senate responded by recalling the elections and opening up the nomination process.

As it turns out, the original election was not valid under the guidelines established by the Student Government Association's Constitution. But that is not what is important. What is important is that the senate acted responsibly under a situation that had the potential to become volatile.

NECC student becomes 'Bag Lady' of campus

By Ann Hussey
Staff Reporter

My fifteen year old son described me as "armed and dangerous" as I left for school that first day in September. "They'll call you the Campus Bag Lady," he said with an embarrassed smile. "All you need is a shopping cart!"

A shopping cart wouldn't be such a bad idea. It could be parked outside each building's entrance. It would hold everything I need to carry, and it would complete the feeling of community on

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campus - every community needs a bag lady!

Now, I don't think that I carry a lot of things. Three bags hold everything I need, and each bag has a purpose.

I have to have a pocketbook. Where else would I keep my make-up case, checkbook, credit cards, picture of my kids, a little cash, my personal calendar,



Bag number three is vital, really vital, to my survival.

an emeryboard, and little bits of paper with all kinds of messages and information about errands that need to be run?

As a wife and mother, added to being a student, I still have to run my household just as efficiently as I have for the last umteen years. My family does pitch in, but I am still the main organizer and my pocketbook is the backbone of that organization.

Speaking of books, for the two courses I take, I have four books! Three for Anatomy and Physiology, and one for Sociology. And yes, they are big books! The biggest, one of the A & P books, weighs two-and-a-half pounds.

So I have a book bag that is big enough for these books along with my notebooks and folders for each course. I have noticed that as these courses progress, there are more copies of articles and handouts being added almost daily (my paper volume is increasing faster than I can make room for it). It would fit well in the child's seat of a shopping cart.

Inside bag number three, we have the big deal of the day. Bag number three is vital, really vital, to my survival. I've had an established routine for quite some

time, and there are some things that can not be changed.

Take coffee, for instance. No one makes coffee like I do, so I pack a thermos of coffee. The Boston Globe is there too. My week would not be the same without Ellen Goodman, Linda Weltner, Confidential Chat, and the funnies. Tucked in another corner of this bag is a little cassette recorder. It is great for recording lectures, and listening to them as I drive the 35 minutes between home and school. I've learned that retaining information is a habit I have lost, and that I need the bombardment of repetitive information to recall at least 65 percent of what I've heard.

Of course, my five inch, battery operated TV is in the bottom of this bag. All My Children just would not be the same recorded at one in the afternoon and watched at four. After all, that's when Donahue starts and supper needs to be pulled together. You can see the routine I've established?

Last, but not least, on this magical mystery tour, of bag number three is my lunch. A wonderful bologna, lettuce, and mustard sandwich, homemade cookies, and a piece of fruit. Not very exciting, but an established part of my day.

Maybe my son is right. Maybe "Bag Lady" is the perfect name for me. There was a little toy shopping cart on the dash this morning. As I headed up the street, I thought, "Son, this is what I need to survive education at my age. If you come to school, no one will ever know I am your mother because I will hide my shopping cart under the stairs of the Student Center."

To contribute...

Signed letters or guest columns are always welcome especially if they concern events, people or issues from Northern Essex Community College. Due to space limitations, we reserve the right to edit all material. Contributions for the Nov. 9 issue must be in our hands by Nov. 1.

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Ballot blues

No clear reason to vote and only two weeks left

By Lynne Brown
Editor

HELP! Like thousands of other Americans I don't know who to vote for in the presidential election. Usually early in the race I've committed myself heart and soul to one of the candidates. Not in 1988.

I'm a consistent voter who takes the time to vote in elections most people dismiss as unimportant, primary, local, run-off, and special elections. Something unexpected is the only thing that can usually keep me away from the polling booth. Not this year. I've already started thinking up excuses to skip out on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The catch phrase for 1988 should be "What if they held an election and no one showed up?" Would they let the country go for four years without a president? Not a bad idea. There wouldn't be anyone in the Oval Office messing things up for the next four years. Congress might even be held responsible for its actions instead of passing the blame on to the president.

Would they let us start over again in the cornfields of Iowa? Never in your life. So millions of Americans are forced to make a decision and are forced to choose between two evils, one of which will ultimately be controlling the country for the next four years.

I find myself punching out fewer and fewer ballots and either blanking them out or writing in my choice. Some people consider what I do with my votes to be a waste, but I consider it a way of expressing my dissatisfaction and making political statements.

I think the biggest political statement may be made on November 8 with my choice for president. Let me explain my choice. The message it carries is simply "just say no." No, neither candidate is worthy of my vote.

The man I've chosen to support I believe is the leader for the eighties. He's strong yet responsive to his people, and I trust him to keep world peace. He's Mikhail Gorbachev.

He knows how important world peace

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is to human survival and his people, unlike Americans, have not forgotten the ravages of World War II. Obviously Gorbachev can't be elected president. Sure he's over 35, but he's not a natural-born American citizen. But with Gorbachev in Moscow working to maintain peace between the superpowers Americans can relax and vote on other issues.

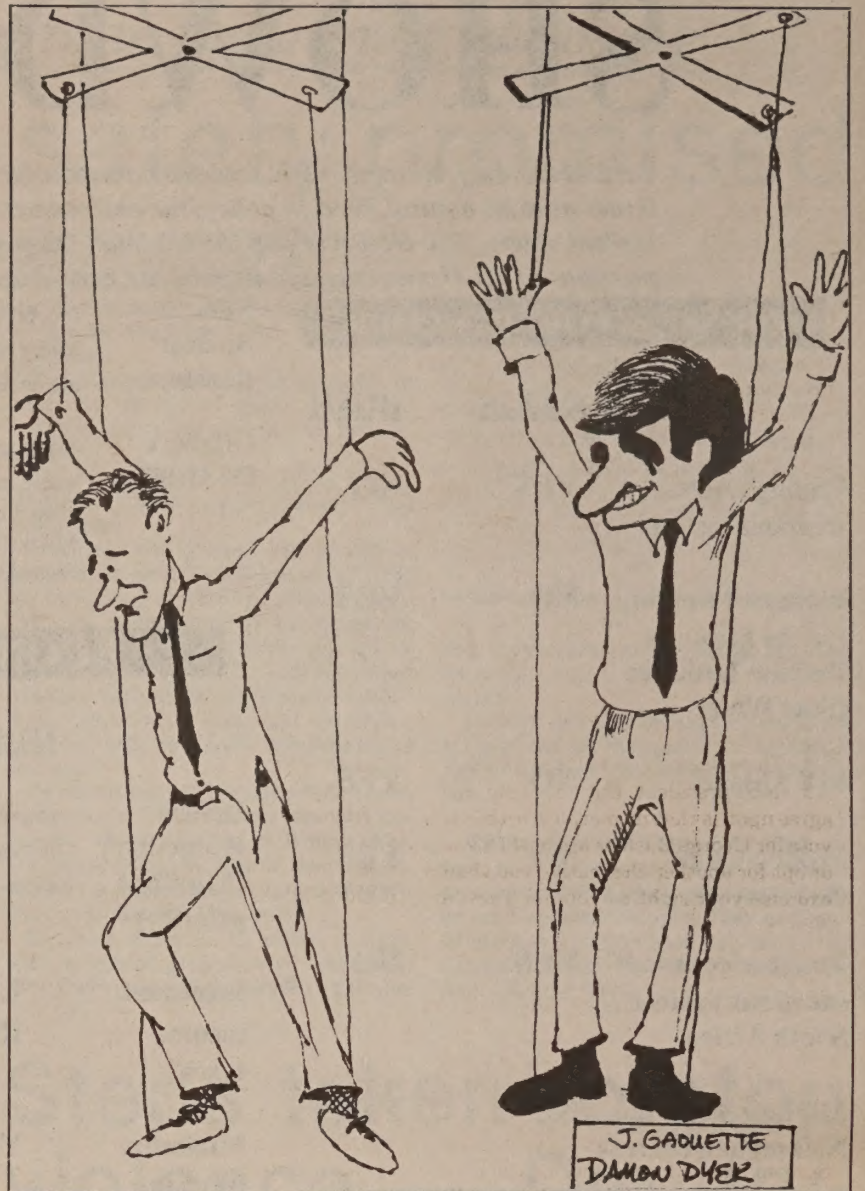
Leaving the ballot blank is one possibility. It's an option certainly practiced by many people in the past especially with marginal candidates facing either no opposition or no serious opposition. Lack of a serious opponent could be argued on either side of this race.

Writing in Jesse Jackson, Bruce Babbitt, Paul Simon, Richard Gephardt or even Robert Dole is appealing. But a write in for one of the primary contenders would be viewed as a grudge vote for left overs from the primaries. Americans are being forced to vote for a man they are not really convinced should be their president.

The choice between Michael Dukakis and George Bush is not an easy one. If it was just ideological it might be easier. But Dukakis is the one who said in Atlanta that this election should not be about ideology but about integrity.

Do either candidates have integrity? Bush, like most other politicians, is not being honest about fighting a war against drugs, pretending America is making great strides but everyone knows we're not.

Dukakis likes to point a finger at the shaky characters Ronald Reagan surrounds himself with, but makes no mention of some of the people he's appointed during his administration like judges and college presidents. Not to mention John Sasso, a political hack, who is skillful at deceit and deception and is a close personal friend and political confidant of the Duke.



Then there is the issue of vice-presidential selections. When all is said and done Bush's choice of Quayle is the selection that brings the most stability to the ticket. If the majority of Americans align with the Democratic ideology and vote for Dukakis they will not be electing a vice-president in Lloyd Bentsen who will carry out the Democratic agenda.

On the other hand if America supports the Republican ideology it is clear that whether it's George Bush or Dan Quayle the Republican platform will be followed. After all, the Democrats keep reminding us the vice-president is only a heart beat away from the presidency.

What has become the most

troublesome is that both candidates are either unwilling or unable to say the dreaded T-Word. TAXES. Both the Republicans and the Democrats dance all around that one. Whether it is Dukakis or Bush in the White House come January taxes will be raised. It would be nice if both candidates would outline their ideas on taxes and federal spending.

I guess I'll never be satisfied until presidential candidates don't have to be worried about how Americans will react to the color of their skin, the shape of their tie, or their use of the T-Word. Until that time, I'll begrudgingly vote for candidates like Bush and I don't think I'm the only one. But George you really haven't earned it. □

Bush inevitability is a frightening prospect

By Cynthia Ramos
Features Editor

I'll admit I'm about to cry "uncle." The polls say George Bush has the election in the bag and I believe them. I can't, however, give up without letting the world know about my disappointment.

For reasons not at all clear to me (my guess is that it's been bought), Bush will no doubt win the election in November. This inevitability in the air frightens me. Shouldn't we at least ask ourselves if this man makes good presidential material?

When I think of Bush, I think of the F words: falter, flounder, fumble. I see no substance in a man who is, at most, a faithful servant. Gail Sheehy, in an article on Bush, quotes one of his aides as saying "Give him a mission and he'll

carry it out, but Bush won't think it up on his own."

On the flip side, Michael Dukakis is not my first choice for president, either. However, faced with making a decision between the two, Dukakis is by far the best candidate. He has conviction, makes himself clear, and — regardless of what Bush's staffers have their man saying — seems much more in touch with Main Street America.

If we can look beyond the excessive mud-slinging in this campaign (to which the press gives too much attention), Dukakis has not been afraid to tell the American public like it is, while Bush has dwelled on the safe themes of "peace and prosperity." Of course, we all want to believe that everything is fine, but I think, as Dukakis does, that there is a lot

of room for improvement.

Bush's message is easier to swallow and therefore more popular. But it is also unrealistic and very stale (not to mention garbled). His campaign concentrates on patriotism and the importance of maintaining a strong national defense; he does not tell us how he plans to lead the country out of its steady decline in the world economy and in the quality of its education (to name only a couple of problems).

If he called for maintaining the same position of strength to tackle problems in the environment, education, and budget deficit that he is calling for national security, Bush would be great. Instead, he has approved cuts in programs designed to ease those problems, making matters worse, and making him appear seriously out of touch.

Bush says budget cuts were necessary and further, that he is not willing to endorse certain legislation, such as the Clean Water Act, because of the expense.

Yet he has no problem pouring billions of dollars into defense. Under a Bush mandate, we'll have nothing left to defend. As Dukakis points out, "We cannot be strong militarily when we're teeter-tottering on top of a mountain of debt."

This election has been reduced to a popularity contest. Instead of voting on personality, I'd like to see Americans vote on the issues. We need someone who is intelligent and competent, someone who can make decisions and keep more than the privileged few in mind. We don't need another weak puppet in the White House. □

Andreas, not Steve, clears up misunderstanding from story

To the editor:

Due to a misunderstanding in the last issue, I was misidentified by name. In the interview, I was identified as Steve Ulanowsky. My real name is Andreas Ulanowsky. While that mishap is minor, there is an important quotation I wish to clarify because it is an important part of my belief in communication.

I referred to Mr. Rogers, a personality I have come to know quite well. I said

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that one of his quotes was very important to me. In the article, only part of the phrase was said. It should have said: "There is only one person in the whole world like you and people can like you ex-

actly as you are."

That quote can be very meaningful because it helps people know that they don't need to worry about what they like or what they do. Along the same lines, that quote says something else as well. It says that the inside of a person is more important than the outside. That is, it's what people feel that's important, not what they look like or do for a hobby.

If people could remember that feel-

ings are universal and unique, then we wouldn't have so much trouble communicating with each other. How we communicate with one another can mean a lot to both ourselves and other people.

Again, thanks for your kindness and I hope to communicate important feelings with you all soon.

Sincerely,
Andreas Ulanowsky

SHOWDOWN '88

On Election Day, November 8th, students have an unprecedented opportunity to shape our nation's course on such issues as arms control, foreign policy, the environment, the family, the economy and civil rights. As a service to student voters, The Observer and the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration offer this guide to the positions of the Democratic and Republican candidates for President, Michael Dukakis and George Bush.

DEFENSE & FOREIGN POLICY								
	DUKAKIS	BUSH	New Nuclear Reactors	No, until new safety measures are devised	Yes, with high safety standards	Child Care	Federal assistance and standards Guaranteed	Tax credit for work-parents
Ending nuclear weapons testing	YES	NO	Offshore Oil Drilling	No, except where environment quality will not be compromised	Yes, except in sensitive areas	Parental Leave		Up to employer
Increased funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars)	NO	YES	ECONOMY			Increased federal student loans	YES	YES
MX Missile	NO	YES		DUKAKIS	BUSH	Guaranteed basic health insurance	YES	NO
Production of chemical weapons	NO	YES	Deficit Reduction Plan (first priority)	Improve tax enforcement	Flexible freeze on spending	CIVIL RIGHTS		
Tougher economic sanctions against South Africa	YES	NO	Increased income taxes	LAST RESORT	NO		DUKAKIS	BUSH
Military aid to the Nicaraguan contras	NO	YES	Minimum wage increased to 4.55/hr.	YES	NO	Equal Rights Amendment	YES	NO
THE ENVIRONMENT			THE FAMILY			Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion	NO	YES
	DUKAKIS	BUSH		DUKAKIS	BUSH	Universal Voter Registration Act	YES	NO
Acid Rain	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by 12 million tons	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by millions of tons				POSITION		

Issues lost in the sloganeering

By Michael Burt
Staff Reporter

A presidential race will take place in a little over two weeks in this nation. Unfortunately, it seems that people are more concerned with issues closer to home than they are with the presidential race itself.

It's too bad that this type of disinterested attitude on the part of the young citizens of our nation has given the two candidates the perfect opportunity to run a non-issue campaign.

In place of issues, the candidates are being given the green light to use catchy sayings like George Bush's "A thousand

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points of light" or Michael Dukakis' "Good jobs at good wages."

We, as American citizens, are allowing the two candidates to get away with a race of campaign rhetoric that nobody wins.

It seems to me that people in this country react, rather than act, in regards to presidential elections. Americans only change the party in power after they

have proven they cannot do the job.

In past elections this type of decision process may have been enough, but in this campaign there is a bigger issue: the appointment of Supreme Court judges.

Our next president will have the distinction of nominating no less than three judges to serve in the high court. As we speak, there are three judges who either have or will have approached the age of 80 within the next two years. This fact in itself may not startle you, but these three judges were all selected to their posts by Democratic presidents.

President Reagan, in his two terms in office, has appointed two conservative judges to their posts. This comes very

close to stacking the deck in favor of the conservative viewpoint and creates the possibility of putting at risk the concept of separation of powers, as laid down in our Constitution.

What does this mean? How will it affect you?

If you believe that women should have the right to have an abortion, or if the thought of your child being forced by law to say a prayer at the beginning of each school day offends you, then you should be concerned.

These are just a few of the landmark cases that more than likely will be addressed within the next president's term of office.□

Student vote could be important — if exercised

By Rob Walsh
Staff Reporter

For many students this may be the first presidential election where they have an opportunity to vote. Students should see this as a privilege and use this right to vote for the candidate they think is responsible enough to run this nation.

Do all votes count? Of course, they do. There are as many people in the 18-24 year age group as in the 65 and older group. This means that of all the United

States citizens able to vote, students can make up to one-third of the total vote next month.

Needless to say, a turnout like this would make quite an impact on who wins the election so it's time to consider whether you are going to sit back and let someone else decide who is going to run the country.

It's also important to remember that democracy is a representative form of government where the power lies with the people. It's a power which lets every citizen choose the candidate who will run the country best.

The following facts show some recent trends about the student vote:

- Approximately 50 percent of the 18-24 age group voted when the national voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 in 1972. The percentage dropped to a low of 39 percent in 1980.
- The student voter trend began to turn around in 1984, thanks to voter registration drives on campuses across the U.S.
- Based on past performance, expert predictions estimate that 15-16 million young people (18-24 age group) will not vote in 1988.
- Once registered, 80 percent of

students and youths continue to vote, a percentage equivalent to other age groups.

- Voter registration procedures vary, ranging from Minnesota, which allows election-day registration, to Arizona, which has a registration deadline 50 days before the election.
- Universal same-day voter registration, in combination with mail-in registration and registration at government agencies, will reduce registration barriers, allowing students greater use of their voting power.



File photo

PRESIDENT JOHN R. DIMITRY

By Martha Rafferty
Staff Reporter

Safety is a prime concern for John R. Dimitry, NECC president, this week. "Please be assured that we will continue to do our best to provide a safe educational experience for all members of the NECC community," he said.

Those are Dimitry's words in a memo to all members of the NECC community regarding the fatal shooting incident outside Lawrence Public Library on September 26.

"I worked hard in that letter to assure all people that we're doing all we can to protect the students and staff of our community," Dimitry said.

NECC reacts to Lawrence shooting

Student safety promised

Anytime a violent incident such as the murder in front of the Lawrence Public Library — where NECC conducts some of its classes — happens, the question of drugs surfaces.

Dimitry said he has been in touch with Lieutenant James Jajuga of the State Police Drug Squad in charge of Essex County to discuss the incident. "Any campus we operate is going to be drug-free. I cannot stand the thought of drugs on the campus."

Because there are 9,600 students attending NECC, Dimitry takes the drug issue very seriously. Jajuga however, is convinced that drugs are not a problem at the Lawrence Public Library or on the Haverhill campus.

Jajuga will alert Dimitry immediately if drugs become an issue. "We want to set up an instant hot line with the State Police and NECC officials eventually," Dimitry said.

Dimitry said that by September 1, 1989, "We will have everyone in Lawrence all under one roof which will make security much tighter, and easier to maintain."

Presently students are spread between the Lawrence Public Library, Grace Episcopal Church, and Central Catholic High School.

The plan to move all students to one building in Lawrence will get underway in November when Northern Essex will start the bidding process for a building to house students and faculty in Lawrence.

The college is looking for a 52,000, or more, square feet of space, which is a building about the size of the Bentley Library.

The \$5 million capital outlay money allotted by the state will be used to fund this project.

Presently the student enrollment in Lawrence is about 700. When asked what the new campus will offer, Dimitry said, "We see an increase of enrollment in Lawrence. It will probably get up to about 1000 students. The mix of courses will stay fairly close to the present offerings — two-thirds college and university courses, and one-third developmental courses."

Dimitry remains very optimistic about the project. The president was also optimistic about his trip to Washington, D.C. on October 20 and 21 when he attended the inauguration of the new president of Gallaudet University.

Northern Essex is the largest of eight with extension programs at Gallaudet; the other seven programs are at colleges

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— President John Dimitry

and universities in the remaining New England states, New York and New Jersey.

Dimitry said that he learned "the latest state of the art in regards to the education of the deaf." He added, "I learned a lot."

Dimitry dined with the seven other college and university extension school presidents Friday at the president's home on the University campus. They exchanged ideas and suggestions to improve the extension programs. It was a productive trip, Dimitry said.

Progress made on union plan

By Tom Pecorelli
News Editor

According to Joseph Rizzo, faculty union president, progress is being made despite administrative friction at NECC this year.

The union voted overwhelmingly to unionize the part-time teachers. These teachers have been legally accepted into the day unit; however, the part-timers are currently without a contract and are represented by the Mass. Teachers Association. The union has filed a request to the Board of Regents for a contract, but have yet to receive a reply, Rizzo said.

Another issue that the union has recognized, concerning the part-timers, is their low salary. "Quite a few of the part-timers have left because the salary is abysmal," Rizzo said. He added that the enrollment is down this year because of a depleted teaching staff.

Rizzo stated that the low salary is not due to a lack of funds. He referred to a letter from the Chancellor of Higher Education to the Board of Trustees, which asked them to consider a 6 percent increase in President Dimitry's current salary, which exceeds \$85,000.

"With part-timers getting only \$1,200 per course, the priorities are really, really, warped," Rizzo said, adding that a referendum on the ballot in November will decide whether or not to repeal the Governor's recently increased pay raise, which in its increased state, falls below Dimitry's.

In a union meeting last Spring, the members discovered that efforts to provide safer parking at NECC's Lawrence campus missed the mark. The administration purchased spaces on the third floor of a parking garage which lies a considerable distance away from the classroom buildings, in response to teacher complaints of insufficient security outside the campus.

The trip from the garage to the buildings appears to be more precarious



File photo

JOSEPH RIZZO

Part-time faculty members are unionized but are working without a contract. The union has filed a request for a contract, but have not received a reply.

than parking in front of the buildings, especially for women. Rizzo said that the new All College Council will be looking into the problem.

The Faculty Association reported a decline in profits from the Open House held last Spring. This year, the administration allowed private vendors to accompany the Faculty Association and other NECC clubs in providing refreshments and food.

In the past, all of the profits from the event stayed on campus, but this year the private vendors brought home a considerable amount of money. In lieu of this decrease in revenue, the Faculty Association had to cut their scholarships from six to five. "The Administration, for a long time, has done things for what seems to be benevolent reasons," Rizzo said. "But they tend to shoot from the hip and act before they think." □

Steps taken to stop violence — Dimitry

By John R. Dimitry
NECC President

I share with you a deep concern over the recent incident of violence which took place in front of the Lawrence Public Library. Although this event did not involve Northern Essex students and could have happened in virtually any urban setting, these facts in no way serve to reduce the level of our sadness and concern.

Prior to the date of this incident, both the public library and the high school provided on site special coverage by off-duty trained police officers. It is in part a result of this coverage that the individual who committed the shooting was arrested a few blocks away within moments of the incident.

Since the event, several steps have been taken to further increase on site security and improve communication with the Lawrence Police Department. With the full support of Northern Essex Community College, the library Board of Trustees has requested that the Mayor take the steps necessary to provide an additional

sixteen hours a week of on site coverage by the police department. In addition, the Board is seeking funds to upgrade its telephone system and institute a "beeper" system which will allow for immediate communication with the local police in emergency situations.

The high school, on its part, has instituted a temporary change in student exit patterns and has curtailed outside activity during recess periods. They have also increased the level of coverage provided by plain clothes police officers.

The college, the library and the high school will continue to work together to cope with immediate situations, but perhaps as important in the long run is our collective effort to improve the basic quality of life in Lawrence and reduce the frustration which inevitably results from high drop out rates, unemployment and lack of personal self-esteem.

Please be assured that we share your concern and will continue to do our best to provide a safe and fulfilling educational experience for all members of the community. □

Senate — From page one

their obligations as a committee member.

Members were elected as follows: Gallant to coordinating committee; Dionne, Albert S. LeCourt, and John Chopas to the student affairs committee; Cammarata, Giannina DiVincenzo, and Tom Lucia to the academic affairs committee; Shuman and Eric Symmes to the budget committee; and LaFleur, Darlene Beal, and Robert J. Lanagan Jr. to the strategic planning committee.

In other business, Shuman delivered a report on the trip she made with Imonti and Michaud October 6-7 to a Deans' Conference in Westford, MA. She said the conference allowed her to practice positive communication skills. "The conference taught the value of working together for a common goal with people you really don't know," Shuman said.

The senate has also made some deci-

sions on the best way to include the students in Lawrence in student activities, a problem which has been repeatedly discussed since last semester. Michaud reported that he will be available to meet with students and faculty from Lawrence every Friday at the Grace Episcopal Church between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

At the suggestion of Shuman, a forum where Lawrence students will be able to express their opinions regarding what sort of student activities they would like and the best way to get the Lawrence campus involved with the student government and student activities based on the Haverhill campus, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 28 at the Grace Episcopal Church. Michaud will attend the forum with Shuman, Dionne and Chopas representing the Student Senate.



Guest lecturer

DR. JEAN KILBOURNE, gave two popular talks at NECC last week.

K. Alfieri photo

Booze glorified as magic potion in ads

By Zakia Krikorian
Staff Reporter

Alcohol and its effects on society via advertising was the topic of Dr. Jean Kilbourne's afternoon lecture in the library conference center last week.

Kilbourne has done extensive research in this field for about 20 years. She has achieved many awards since that time, including Lecture of the Year, from the National Association for Campus Activities and the Woman of the Year Award, to name a few.

Her movie, *Calling the Shots*, was shown to the audience, which was designed to examine the effects of advertising on people.

The film exposed three important advertising techniques that companies use to push their product. The first is to recruit new users, followed by increasing consumption and getting people to switch to their current brands.

According to Kilbourne, "Advertising takes signs of trouble and tries to glorify

them, and make them desirable." She also said that alcohol is depicted as a magic potion, a fact that has direct implications to the reader or viewer. People associate alcohol with creativity, wealth or popularity.

She explained that the newest craze is wine coolers, an advertising product which is aimed at young people. "The talking polar bear is marketed as a soft drink," she said, using Spuds MacKenzie as another example. "Over two billion dollars a year is being spent on advertisements, and we pay the price," Kilbourne said.

She proposed three ideas to change such tactics: use counter advertising, warning labels and raise the excise tax on alcohol.

"We have to work on changing the norms in our society," she said. "People should try to promote drinking in moderation and conduct themselves responsibly when doing so. Advertisements are perceived unconsciously, and we are ignorant of their techniques."

Special week

Radiologic technology club attempts to educate public about their field

By Karen Pelletier
Staff Reporter

NECC's Radiologic Technology Club will be celebrating National Observance Week for Radiographers, November 7-13, with local focus at area hospitals and at NECC.

The club is designed to increase public awareness about the professionals who utilize radiation to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The college's Department of Radiologic Technology will have a display and information available to all interested students. The display will be outside the Radiologic Technology Classroom in B-130.

National Radiologic Week is sponsored by The American Society of Radiologic Technologists with special attention paid

to recognize professional competency and commitment to quality patient care.

Established at Northern Essex in 1983, the club will also be holding a bake sale in the Classroom Building on Thursday, Nov. 10. Proceeds will go the club treasury. Pamphlets about the profession at Northern Essex will be available for those interested.

Club members are hoping to earn enough to pay a registration fee at The Annual State Conference of Radiologic Technologists.

The conference will offer programs for students and technologists updating them in new equipment and imaging modalities.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting must be approved by program directors, Carol Wallace or Lisa Wilson, in B-110, ext. 3825.

Ads prey on fears of the consumer

By Kelly Caraccio
Staff Reporter

Dr. Jean Kilbourne, a well known authority on the media, sex roles and alcohol issues, presented an eye-opening lecture and slide show recently at NECC's Haverhill campus.

Kilbourne, who received a Woman of the Year Award from the National Organization for Woman (NOW), and is the creator of award-winning films, *Killing Us Softly*, and *Still Killing Us Softly*, presented "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Woman."

According to Dr. Kilbourne, each American is exposed to over 2,000 advertisements daily. Each sells the consumer much more than a product. Concepts of love, sexuality, worth, success and normalcy are also included. Ads can even sell addictions. The image of a tall and beautiful woman smoking a cigarette can do powerful things to a young mind, she said.

Although advertising's influence is subtle, and mostly unconscious, it does prey on the consumer's fears and insecurities. When a woman sees the flawless picture of a beautiful model, she often feels inadequate and will rush out to buy the product the model is using. Few people stop to realize that these ads are altered, and that what they are seeing is a myth, and certainly not reality. The model herself does not even look like the image pictured in the ad.

Kilbourne said that ads teach men and women to loathe and contempt the female body. No woman in today's society is allowed to age gracefully, according to most TV ads. There are literally billions of dollars spent each year trying to fight

the natural aging process, yet none of these products will actually stop the inevitable act of aging.

Although most people feel that women have come a long way in recent years, when studying advertisements, this is hardly the truth, Kilbourne said. Women are still being treated as nothing more than sex objects. An ad showing a half-naked woman on the ground, while a fully clothed man stands over her, gives people the idea that women are beneath men and are subservient creatures.

Kilbourne also explored the relationship between today's problems and advertisements. According to one recent study, one out of every five female college students has an eating disorder. Constant advertisements about diet programs and the importance of staying thin may be the cause of this. Most famous fashion models are extremely thin, and young women often try to fashion themselves after them. After all, according to the advertisement industry, thin is beautiful, and what young woman does not want to be beautiful, Kilbourne asked.

Many ads are violent and border on pornographic, giving the consumer the idea that violence is normal and pornography is acceptable. The use of children in sexually explicit ads may also be a cause of such widespread child abuse, she said.

There are ways that advertisements can be used to help consumers, however. Ads about child-care, parenting, and even condoms can be of great use to the American public. Kilbourne hopes the \$100 billion advertising industry will come to realize this. When it comes to advertising, the American public has a lot to learn.

State picks up the tab for Point Five software

By Heidi LaClair
Staff Reporter

Massachusetts recently purchased the user rights to Point Five software for the current school year. Normally, it would cost consumers \$295, but it is now available free to all NECC students and faculty.

"The state has picked up the tab for one year," said Sandy Meldrum, staff assistant, division of math, science and technology.

Point Five consists of five mechanism built into one. The program will draw graphs, and do statistics. It is a scientific and business calculator, and it contains a complete data entry system and programming language.

The new Pacific Crest Software program can be used for business, math and science courses. Interest rates can be calculated for a 30-year mortgage at five percent and compounding and discounting for retailing can be figured out, Meldrum said. It also features engineering, quality control and effective models and graphs.

The contract was signed at the end of September and a demonstration was given to faculty and staff.

"We're trying to encourage the faculty to integrate it into some of their programs," Meldrum said. "If there's enough interest, there will be a faculty workshop. They've had a demonstration, and if at least 20 faculty members sign up, there will be a four hour workshop."

In a year, the software will no longer be distributed, unless NECC picks up the agreement. This license will cost \$750 for the year, but a decision will not be made

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about this until late this year, Meldrum said.

"If no faculty use it in any of their courses, then I would probably not pick up the license," she said. "But if faculty begin to integrate it into their programs, then I definitely would."

Twenty Point Five user's manuals were given to the college. Ten are in the micro-computer lab for students and faculty to sign out another ten copies and are in the library for overnight reserve. Some have also been ordered for the bookstore.

The software is free and available today in C-210. "All you have to do is bring in a formatted 5¼ inch floppy disk," Meldrum said.

Observer Briefs

Racism strikes many campuses

Racism has hit colleges and universities everywhere. Many students have become victims of discrimination because of their color and ethnic backgrounds.

At the University of California at Berkley and Denison University in Ohio, protests recently erupted over racial incidents. Students boycotted classes to protest insufficient disciplinary actions taken against white students involved in racial incidents.

The white students harrassed blacks by vandalizing their possessions and making rude comments about their color.

Meanwhile at the University of Kentucky and Pennsylvania State University students were in an outrage because they claim that school officials demonstrate little or no respect for minorities attending both schools.

At the University of Texas, a Black Student Alliance president was harrassed and nearly thrown out his dorm window because he is a South African native.

As a result, white students who attended the Black Student Alliance meetings were thrown out, creating a rift on that campus.

Some schools try to reach their student population through the media. Holyoke (MA) Community College's school newspaper logo reads, "Peace thru equality/Stop sexism and racism."

Something different is allowed at the University of Texas, where a bizzare new club was officially recognized by the Campus Activities Office. The NUDE club's 20 students gather weekly for nude sunbathing, parties, picnics, volleyball tournaments and conversation. The NUDE club's name stands for Naturists United Devoid of embarrassment.

Jody Walsh

Kelley joins state committee

Melrose resident David B. Kelley, chairperson of the instructional development division, has been selected as a member of a state committee created to study the undergraduate experience in the Commonwealth's public universities and colleges.



File photo
DAVID KELLEY.

Entitled Admissions, Retention and Graduation Teaching Working Group, the committee was selected by Dr. Norma S. Rees, vice-chancellor of academic and student affairs for the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education.

The group, which is comprised of administrators and faculty members from the Commonwealth's higher education system, will be evaluating information from state and national sources.

Recommendations on methods to enhance and strengthen the undergraduate experience will be issued by the group in a draft report in Fall, 1988 and a final report in Spring, 1989.



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Paying the price

SECURITY GUARD Angela Lavery tickets a car illegally parked outside a designated NECC parking area.

Slippery roads create problems

Caution urged this Fall

By Debra Perrault
Staff Reporter

Something that could be a problem this fall and winter is safety in the NECC parking lots. While security guards are on their toes, there's no way to control the weather.

Once the leaves start falling things get a bit slippery and snow will arrive in several weeks. Dick Lemelin, security captain, hopes people will take their time and be more careful when driving in the parking lots.

The campus speed limit is 15 mph, but most students interviewed stated that they did not drive their cars at that pace. Though they claim to be cautious, a slight speed increase could pose a problem, Lemelin said.

Although there have been only two minor accidents reported this year, there will be more if people do not slow down and are more aware of their speed.

The main problem seems to be slipping and sliding on wet pavement. When fall



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NO PARKING signs are posted throughout the campus.

comes, the leaves get wet and frosty and it is very easy to slide. Many people fall while walking, and it is hoped that things will not become any more serious than that.

"Winter poses more of a problem than Fall"

Winter poses more of a problem than fall because of the snow and ice. When asked if icy conditions are a problem in the parking lot, Lemelin said, "Yes, but the school's on top of it." He said that workers are out early plowing, sanding, and salting, but that there are a few slippery spots because of many runoffs and high snow piles. Lemelin's advice is for students to be very careful and use their heads.

In case of an accident, even a minor one, it is wise to report it to the security office so that an accident report may be filled out.

With a little thought and care, students and staff should be able to have a safe and fun winter at NECC.

ASL seeks new members

By Erin E. Thompson
Staff Reporter

Contrary to popular belief, the American Sign Language Club is not just for people in the Interpreter Training Program. It is open to anyone who is interested, including deaf and hearing people in other programs.

The club meets every other Monday in room C-303 at noon. There is a \$5 dues fee, and interpreters are provided.

"The focus of the club is to provide an atmosphere in which deaf and hearing people can socialize and work together towards a common goal," said Joy Gosselin, president.

Other officers include Christine O'Horo, vice president; Marilyn Golobski, secretary, and Dorothy Nute, treasurer. Advisers are Patrick McCarthy and Bill Huston, teachers in the Interpreter Training Program.

At this time, the club is going through a transitional period, and is planning a possible name change. Now the American Sign Language Club, there have been suggestions to incorporate both the



File photo

PATRICK MCCARTHY, adviser.

American Sign Language Club and the Deaf Club into one. Opinions and feeling about the tentative decision are welcome.

The club uses parliamentary procedure, with the following steps:

1. A motion is made
2. The motion is seconded
3. The motion is discussed and amendments (if any) are added

"More exciting events are planned in the future"

4. Discussion on amendment is led
5. A vote is taken on whether to add the amendment to the main motion
6. A vote is then taken on the main motion

This procedure is used to provide an organized and fair flow of events and discussion during the meeting.

Past club activities have been successful. They include a raffle for fundraising, interpreter and deaf student panels and a mental health workshop on teamwork. Just recently, the club successfully sponsored *Flying Words*, a deaf poetry performance by the Boston Theatre of the Deaf.

More exciting events are planned in the future. All students are encouraged to get involved.

WRAZ expecting big changes

By Andrew Bonah
Staff Reporter

WRAZ, NECC's radio station is expecting some changes later this semester as they continue to take steps to enable them to broadcast off campus.

Bob Steeves, general manager, said this year an \$8,000 budget was allocated from the Student Senate. When asked what the money is going to be used for, Steeves said, "\$6,000 of the \$8,000 will be spent on transmitter related services, such as a consulting firm, the lawyer's fee, and a license from the FCC." Steeves said that he didn't know how much it would cost to get a license, however.

"We haven't purchased any hardware from this year's budget yet," he said. "We used the last of last year's budget to purchase new monitor speakers for the office and for the production studio. For me, right now, that's the key."

"Before we get on the air, we have to have a good production studio. As far as I'm concerned, I want to see more of our funds put toward that use."

"We still have the rest of the budget from last year in a purchase order, and we are picking up albums constantly. Members get together at club meetings and decide what is going to be bought by general consensus, as long as the albums are not vulgar."

When asked if there were going to be

any major changes in the immediate future, Steeves said, "There are a few things that I would like to do before the general membership, especially to push for the production studio. I want to see another tape deck and another turntable. We need pre-amps and we need new mikes in there with stands. A few years ago we had to update the board, turntables and tape deck."

"We still don't have enough for the production studio. As we go along, we gradually progress. We have to prioritize everything."

The remaining \$2,000 will be used for the radio station's operating fee. "Actually we were cut back on that," Steeves said. "We gave a little ground on that so we could get the money necessary to get on the air for our listeners."

"The cost of running the studio varies," he said, "the more people that are in here, the wider the variety of music there is."

"Now, with so many hands working with the equipment, there is more of a chance of something going wrong."

Other things are expensive as well. "There are also all sorts of supplies to buy like typewriter ribbon and carts and forms that we pass out for public service announcements," he said. "We decide what we are going to do with our budget at club meetings just as everybody else does, and we do it by general membership."



Hot property

Derek Bellavance photo

A STOLEN CAR WAS RECOVERED by Haverhill Police on Monday, October 17, when Haverhill police officer Garret arrived at NECC's parking lot with a tow truck. According to Garret, the culprits popped the ignition and stole the car's stereo.

Richard Lemelin, NECC security captain, suspects that the vandals first stole the car and took it for a "joy ride." They then ran out of gas and abandoned the car in the school parking lot. Haverhill police checked the license plate and discovered that the owner lives in Burlington, MA.

Continuing problems

DCE students find cancelled classes make degree requirements very difficult



File photo

JOHN PERONI, dean of the division of continuing education.

By Carol Lutz
Staff Reporter

Continuing Education students are finding that it can be difficult to complete their degrees. Some of their required courses are being cancelled due to low enrollment.

To understand why this is happening, it is necessary to know more about the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services (DCE & CS) and how it is run.

The DCE & CS program consists not only of evening classes, but also of all courses offered in the summer, both day and evening.

According to John Peroni, dean of DCE & CS, Continuing Education must be run like any business. DCE & CS must be self-sufficient because it receives no state funds. It cannot indefinitely continue to offer courses that people aren't taking or

that are running at a loss.

Market conditions are also a factor that affects course offerings. For example, ten years ago, personnel in the computer field were in high demand. Because of technological advances, the field is changing and so is the demand for computer operators and programmers.

The Computer and Electronic Technology majors are generally in a down cycle now at NECC, Peroni said.

A minimum of seven or eight students is usually needed in order to keep a course open. If there are not enough students enrolled on the Thursday before the course begins, it is cancelled, Peroni said.

This is not always the case, however. Some courses that do not meet the minimum enrollment at that time are held open with the anticipation of late registration.

Advanced courses required for certain degree programs are not offered every semester. If one of these courses is in jeopardy of being cancelled, and time and personnel permit, DCE & CS will pull the transcripts of students required to take that course and canvass them.

Should students find themselves

needing a class which is not currently offered, there are several alternatives open to them.

There is independent or directed study. Students must speak to the head of a department or arrange a directed study which is set up between one or more students and a member of the faculty.

Another alternative is to substitute a different course for the one not offered in the evening. To arrange this, students must speak with Robert McDonald, dean of academic affairs.

If neither of these alternatives can be arranged, students may be able to take the course at another institution. Advance permission must be secured from DCE & CS, through Janet O'Keefe, counselor, DCE & CS.

Although DCE & CS has done long-range advance scheduling in some areas, Peroni thinks they can do more with it. It takes experience and careful planning to develop a schedule that works, he said.

Any problems or concerns should be directed to DCE & CS. Help is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays (until 4 p.m. on Fridays) and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Haverhill teachers buck system and win big

By Lisa Perry
Staff Reporter

The tension was apparent throughout the halls, classrooms, and teachers' room at Haverhill High School. The thought of a strike made everyone feel uneasy.

In June when the teachers' contract expired, the school committee proposed a one year contract with a five percent salary increase. The teachers refused the offer. The committee said they would come up with another offer during the summer.

Fall came quickly, school started, and there was no contract. Teachers were irritated.

Haverhill teachers said they are paid considerably less than educators in communities like Methuen, MA, and Plaistow, NH. A teacher with a master's degree and 11 years of experience currently receives a salary of \$27,000, while a comparable position in Kingston, NH pays \$29,000 and \$30,000 in Methuen.

Fall came quickly and school started, but teachers in the Haverhill school system were not happy. They complained that they were paid considerably less than other local communities. They negotiated over the weekend with the threat of strike in the air — and won big.

The Haverhill Education Association (HEA) asked for a two year contract with a 16 percent salary increase and longevity pay for experienced teachers. The committee denied the request.

Though it is illegal for city employees to strike, many said they were willing to take that chance if they couldn't come to a reasonable agreement.

The committee heard the strike rumors

and countered with an offer of a 5 percent increase the first year and 7.5 percent increase in the second and third years.

Teachers with a masters degree and seven years experience currently receive \$24,529. With this raise they would earn \$29,764 in the years 1990-91. Teachers with 15 years experience would get an additional \$328, and \$756 in the third year of the contract.

Teachers rejected this proposal and on Thursday, September 13, they passed out 20,000 flyers across the city to build up support. To show their support, 491 out of 500 educators attended a school committee meeting where Robert K. Carpenter, HEA president, told the committee that they needed to come up with a better offer. The committee agreed to work out a compromise over the weekend to avert a strike on Monday morning.

Teachers interviewed said they needed a better contract. Many have been teaching for over 15 years and earn an annual salary of \$25,000, while new teachers start off at \$18,000 a year.

The newly ratified two-year contract calls for a 5 percent raise in the first year, 6 percent the first 90 days of the second year, an another 6 percent later in the year.

Teachers with 16 years experience will get a one percent longevity increase, and teachers with 25 years of experience will receive a two percent longevity increase.



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PATRICIA SHUMAN

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By Annemarie Montello
Staff Reporter

Editor's note:

Chris Gallant, senate treasurer, was not available for comment by presstime. We will run a profile of him and other senators in our next issue.

The Student Senate held their elections for officers this past week. President Rhonda Imonti, Vice-President Patricia Shuman, Secretary George Dionne Jr., and Treasurer Chris Gallant will lead the group for this year. Imonti majors in business management. She graduated from Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School in Haverhill in 1986.

She has been on the Student Senate for the past three years. She was treasurer her first year and vice-president last year.

The Haverhill resident became interested in the Student Senate when Dean Norman Landry and Steve Michaud, director of student activities, encouraged her to run.

Imonti said her main goal this year is to try and get a better relationship with the students at NECC's Lawrence campus.

The president would like anyone who has suggestions, comments or problems to come and talk to her. "I'm always ready and willing to listen. That's why I'm here."

Shuman is a business transfer major. This is her first semester on the Student

"We have a huge student body and yet we have trouble pulling in 100 people to the functions"

Senate. She graduated from Andover High School in 1985 and is still living in Andover.

Her plan this year for the senate is to get students interested in participating in campus activities. She feels motivation needs to be the main focus. "We have a huge student body, yet we have trouble pulling in 100 people to the functions."

Dionne is an engineering science major who is in his second year on the Student Senate. He graduated from Whittier Tech in 1986 and lives in Haverhill.

Dionne plans are to get the student body more involved, to reduce apathy and to get students to support NECC's sports teams.

Dionne says he became involved in the Student Senate because he wanted to have a say in how the college is being run.



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Ask Charles a question!

Return form to Sue Smulski in Student Activities, F-113

Racetime

College gearing up for annual road race

By Chris Fogel
Staff Reporter

Erne Greenslade, NECC alumni director, is coordinating the 6th Annual 5 Mile Road Race scheduled for this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The first road race began in 1982. The contest draws about 100 runners each year, Greenslade said.

The entry fee for the race is \$5.00 and \$6.00 on the day of the race. Greenslade said that most runners sign up on the day of the race.

The race benefits the NECC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund which awarded three scholarships this fall to Lorraine Gerber (\$450), Carole Thibodeau (\$250), and Marwan Sabbouh (\$250).

In order to allocate scholarship funds she said, "We first see how much money is in the fund, and then give the scholarships."

Greenslade, in her third year as alumni director, said the race includes everyone from "little tykes to a 66 year-old woman."

The fastest race times last year were male — 24:51 and female — 34:27.

Those people less interested in running can form a "group walk" as some people did last year, she said.

Also involved on the Road Race Committee are Dottie Holmes, treasurer of the alumni association scholarship fund, and Linda Malbone, vice president of the



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ERNIE GREENSLADE

association's board of directors.

Two new prizes were added this year. They include a Sheraton Tara weekend for both top female and male runners. Free t-shirts also go to the first 150 people who finish.

The race starts at NECC's Haverhill campus and continues around Kenoza Lake.

Prizes were donated by Bassett Tours and Travel Bureau of Haverhill, All Season Sport and Trophy Shop of Haverhill and Strawberries Records and Tapes.

Rincon Hispano

By Prof. Donald Conway
Guest Writer

Individualista, contradictorio, apasionado, orgulloso, catolico, dramático, estoico. Un hombre de lucha y de contradicción. Un perpetuo tumulto de pasiones opuestas. Así es el hispano. Pero no hay clasificaciones absolutas. Pero ocurre también que la naturaleza le da al hombre ciertas características superficiales que comparte en común, y la historia le da otras mas profundas que crean una conciencia de raza y de pueblo. Y así, con el tiempo, una nación llega a ser un fenómeno singular, llega a tener una identidad propia.

El español peninsular (así lo distinguimos del hispanoamericano) es producto de una historia variada y multi-

ple. Corre en sus venas sangre de muchos pueblos, y cada uno deja su huella. Es producto también de una tierra que con raras excepciones da poco de sí, y de una geografía que le hace vivir en su pequeña región, separado de sus vecinos por altas montañas y rios innavegables. Así es que el español tiene muchas caras, muchas semblanzas.

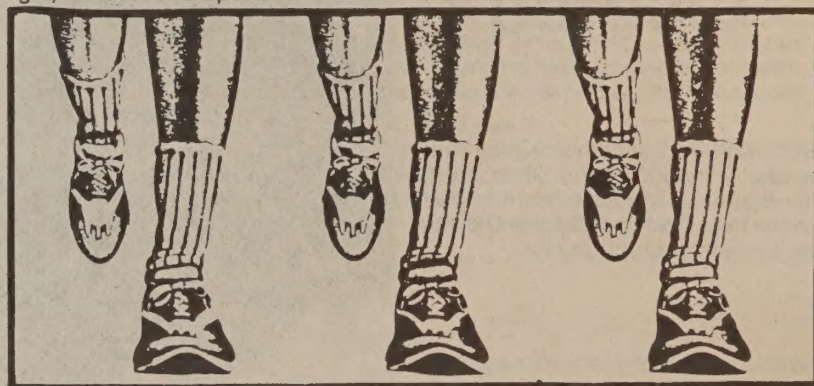
El hispanoamericano es un caso unico, porque el hispanoamericano es mas que un español transplantado. Aunque conserva muchas de las cualidades del español, lleva en sí una profunda conciencia de las razas indígenas de America. Y aunque su historia conoce la influencia de muchos pueblos, su cultura es esencialmente hispanica. Pero su geografía, su ambiente, su comida, y su perspectiva son americanas.



Spreading the word

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S annual five-mile road race will be held Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Shown gearing up for the race are Rick McKay, Bassett Tours; Gina Cogswell, Family Mutual Savings Bank; Dotty Holmes, NECC Alumni Association; and Rob Nagle, All Seasons Sports.



Siendo tan grande la extensión de sus tierras, hay muchas maneras de contemplar al hispanoamericano. Desde el punto de vista geográfico, le podemos tratar como hombre de tierra caliente u hombre de tierra fría; hombre de la ciudad u hombre del campo; hombre de la alta región andina u hombre de la selva tropical. Hombre del interior, hombre de la costa, hombre de la norte, hombre del sur. Y cada una de estas clasificaciones tiene sus implicaciones económicas y sociales.

O, si queremos, lo podemos mirar desde el punto de vista racial. El hombre europeo, mayormente de origen español pero no siempre; hombre de negocios o profesional, maestro, tendero, político, o dueño de tierras. El mestizo: producto de la mezcla de blanco e indio, hombre de la ciudad, o del campo, y de todas las clases económicas. El mestizo ocupa ahora muchos lugares que en otros tiempos pertenecían solo al blanco, y sus posibilidades individuales dependen de su educación y de sus medios económicos. No de consideraciones raciales. El indio: por lo general, hombre del campo y de las regiones montañosas; agricultor, pobre, ignorante, explotado y resignado a un futuro semejante a su presente. El negro

o el nulado: hombre mas bien de las costas calientes de Sudamérica y del Caribe; hombre de la ciudad, del puerto de mar y también, pero menos que el indio, hombre del campo. Como el indio o el mestizo pobre, tiene poca educación, pero a diferencia del indio, parece mas consciente de sus posibilidades futuras.

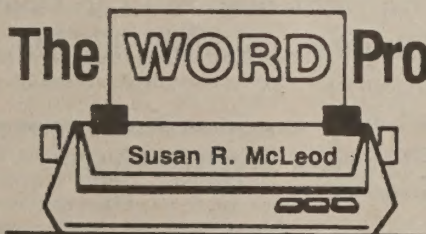
En realidad, las diferencias mas patentes en Hispanoamérica no son las que existen entre un país y otro, sino las de clase económica y social dentro del mismo país. El campesino mexicano, por ejemplo, mestizo o indio sin educación y tragicamente pobre, se parece mas al campesino venezolano o colombiano o ecuatoriano que al hombre de clase media o alta de sus propias ciudades. Y el argentino culto se parece mas al cubano o al peruano o al chileno de igual condición que al gaucho de sus propias pampas.

Como podemos ver, entonces, muchos factores entran en la formación del hispanoamericano. Pero su manera de encararse con la vida, es parte de la herencia que recibe de España.

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Ballou enjoys NECC diversity

Counselor intern settles in

By Lisa O'Brien
Staff Reporter

If you ever need to talk to someone about a problem and are not quite sure where to go, Steve Ballou may be the answer. He is a master's degree level counselor intern and new here at NECC.

Ballou is in the Counseling Psychology Graduate Program at Lesley College in Cambridge, MA. He started his master's degree at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and then left to take a full-time job working with people one on one as a career counselor.

When he decided to go back to school, Ballou chose Lesley College because it provided him with the opportunity to be in an internship program, something he describes as "a great learning experience that gives me a chance to interact with people of different cultures."

An internship is basically a format which provides a student with hands-on experience in the field of counseling. The student takes the theoretical knowledge he has learned in a classroom and applies it to a particular situation.

Ballou said his internship gives him the opportunity to find out what it's like to teach in the classroom and talk to students on a non-crisis basis.

Internships normally last from September until May. "It's everything a counselor would do, but with more supervision than being out in the field," Ballou said.

Ballou chose Northern Essex out of seven or eight other colleges for a number of reasons. "The campus is beautiful and



New counselor

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STEVE BALLOU, an intern in the counseling office this year, talks with Jacki Young, liberal arts major.

I like the opportunity to work with different age groups and backgrounds," he said. "I dislike being in a situation where everything is the same. I like diversity."

Ballou keeps himself very busy during the hours he is here. Along with doing one on one and group counseling, Betty Coyne, director of counseling, provides him with the chance to go to certain classes to teach stress management techniques. "It's a great opportunity to

find out what it's like to teach in a classroom." Ballou says. "I enjoy talking to students on a non-crisis basis."

After finishing his internship Ballou plans to work in a college center in the Boston area. He has also thought about going to the south or California to see how things are in a different area.

Ballou's office hours are Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in F-121.

'New Age' therapist teaching at college



File photo

MARJORIE ROBINSON

By Diane Stollman
Staff Reporter

If you have ever wondered what New Age Therapy or Holistic Medicine is, you can learn at Northern Essex Community College.

Marjorie Robinson, a "New Age" therapist from Newton, NH is teaching four classes this semester for the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services:

- **Reflexology** - Learn how to stimulate reflexes in the feet to help many health problems in a natural way.
- **Unleashing the Power Within** - Experience the awesome power of your mind. Journey into the invisible realm within you where intuition, telepathy, auras and all forms of healing reside.
- **Relax Your Stress Away** - Learn to retreat into your own quiet place within and emerge renewed and rested.
- **Accentuate the Positive** - Using music, poetry, color therapy, humor and imagery, you will learn how to re-program

your subconscious with positive energy.

What is "New Age"? The phrase can best be defined as a desire to create a better society in which humanity lives in harmony with itself, nature and the universe.

Holistic medicine treats the whole body, from mind and body to soul. The holistic approach to medicine is not an alternative to your family doctor or specialist; on the contrary, holistic therapy is most effective when used along with conventional medicine.

In recent years scientists have gathered evidence showing that the attitudes and mental states of an individual greatly affect the immune system and the healing process. "It takes a long time for something new to be accepted by the masses," Robinson says. "But Holistic Medicine is making headway."

Robinson enjoys teaching immensely and truly cares for her students. "My whole reason for teaching is to make people realize that they have to get to the cause of the problem before they can

solve it," she says. My students needs are what I really care about."

She teaches her students only what she has proven true through experience. Robinson can help a student to restore his body to the point where it can take care of itself. "When you learn that you really can control the things that go on in your life and in your body, it's amazing," she says.

Many people are skeptical about this therapy, but Robinson encourages them to question the theories. "When the real skeptics witness this healing for themselves, then it's a joy and a victory!"

If you would like more information on the availability of these classes or would like to contact Robinson for a personal consultation, call NECC's Division of Continuing Education.

"Usually at the end of my classes nobody wants to go home because I've brought them together as people," she says. "The only prerequisite for these classes is an open mind!"

Meditation popular with students for many reasons

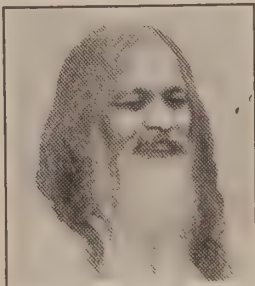
By Scott Goodwin
Staff Reporter

Transcendental Meditation, (TM), which is popular with college students all over the world, is a form of meditation which is practiced twice a day for 15 to 20 minutes while sitting comfortably with the eyes closed.

Founded 30 years ago by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a Hindu monk, TM can be learned by anyone in a short period of time. It requires no specific religious beliefs or any particular lifestyle to succeed. Belief in the program itself isn't necessary for success.

Since its beginning over three million people have learned the technique. People from all walks of life have practiced TM, including doctors, priests, politicians, students and professional sports teams.

The meditation technique is said to help students improve their academic performance and provide a number of benefits such as increased mental clarity, improved memory and comprehension, in-



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MAHARISHI MAHESH Yogi, a Hindu monk who founded the Transcendental Meditation movement 30 years ago.

creased energy and alertness, reduced stress and anxiety.

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Some of this research has been

published into respected scientific journals, and studies show that TM benefits can be seen from the mind, body, behavior and environment.

There are seven steps involved in learning the TM program. First, the introductory lecture introduces subjects to what TM is all about. Second, is the preparatory lecture followed by the third step, a personal interview with a TM teacher. Steps four, five, six and seven must take place on consecutive days for an hour and a half each session. These last steps teach the actual meditation technique.

Although TM is easily learned by anyone, a few rules must be followed to make the program a success. Participants must refrain from taking any recreational drugs for at least 15 days prior to the start of the program. A \$150 student fee or \$400 non-student fee must also be paid.

Anyone interested in TM should contact Dr. Martin Hart at the local TM center, 26 Locust St., Danvers, MA, 546-2905.

Junk Food

It pays to eat healthy

By Doreen Harzmoritch
Staff Reporter

Nutritional health is essential, but often ignored as students and teachers juggle busy schedules. While reaching for that high calorie Whopper, greasy fries, or perhaps skipping meals altogether, beware.

By starving the body of proper nutrients, a person runs the risk of weight gain because of high fat and sugar content in fast foods which can consequently lead to more severe symptoms caused by vitamin deficiency.

For example, a student can become more susceptible to illness, loss of concentration, bouts of sleeplessness, and extreme low energy levels. As a result, school work will suffer because a body cannot perform up to its optimum level without proper nutrients.

The human body functions like a car. The better the gas, the more mileage it will get. Eating the correct foods will not only improve health but can also lead to greater endurance.

Some popular misconceptions about not eating healthy are:

- ☐ I don't have the time.
- ☐ It takes too long.
- ☐ All that healthy food is so dull and tasteless.

All are not true. The surprising fact is not only are good foods flavorful, but also very inexpensive and fit for any budget.

Although Americans are very busy, they are also the most obese culture in the world, according to recent statistics.

For junk food junkies with little time, listed below are some fast easy tips chosen from the four basic food groups to get started on the proper nutritional track:

1. Fruits — Very affordable, cheaper than a candy bar, and high in vitamin C. Apples, bananas, strawberries, raisins and unsweetened fruit juices help keep up body resistance.

2. Vegetables — Another fast but nutritional source for students and teachers in a rush. For a variety try slicing carrots, celery, peppers, broccoli, and zucchini into bit-size portions and store in a plastic container so they're more convenient and time saving.

3. Popcorn — Low in calories and fat-free without butter or salt. Try sprinkling with parmesian cheese or garlic powder. Buy a microwave brand which takes only three minutes to prepare.

4. Other nutritious, fast snacks are whole wheat crackers, rice cakes, and cereals. Top crackers with peanut butter or cheese and add fresh fruit to cereal.



Grab a burger

J. Gaoutte illustration

WHILE IT'S tempting to eat fast food, it's better to consume fresh fruits and vegetables instead.

5. Instead of reaching for soda or coffee, have a glass of low-fat milk, mineral water, or spring water because the caffeine in other drinks robs the body of important nutrients.

8. To fight the craving for something sweet, try eating dried fruit, bran-raisin muffins, or low-fat yogurt with slices of

fresh fruit. Also consider unsalted sunflower seeds which make a great snack.

Most of the foods listed above can be eaten while on the go. These diet changes along with an exercise program can lead one down the road to good health.

Life long learning offers full schedule

Editor's note:

Due to a reporting error, several dates for the Fall semester Life Long Learning calendar were incorrect in the last issue. The correct dates are listed below.

By Kelly Townsend
Staff Reporter

The college's Life-Long Learning program has recently started its calendar of events for the fall semester.

Most programs are offered free of charge and are specially designed to benefit older adults or anyone interested in educating themselves further. The remainder of the fall semester schedule follows:

Wales

NECC's own Jim McCosh, associate professor of history and government, will share the sights and insights of three lovely days in Wales. The village of Llyswn on the River Wye to some of the lovely towns along the Irish Sea will be visited. A few of Edward I's castles, the island of Anglesey and the city of Chester are part of the tour.

Lecture Hall A (C Building 1st Floor). Travel Talk Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

The Canadian Connection — III

Expert on Canadian life and politics, Frank Bostwick Jr., returns with another in-depth profile of our neighbor to the North. He will present a slide show on the Maritime Provinces and Atlantic Canada.

Having just returned from Prince Edward's Island, he'll update participants on the current national situation, specifically about the free trade topic and the upcoming election for prime minister.

Lecture, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

Tiptoe Through the 20's — A

Musical Review

A Creative Arts Series Event

A musical journey through this decade of music magic will highlight some

wonderful tunes. Lecturer and pianist will be Ruth Sisson, teacher, accompanist and composer. Come hear how melody, harmony and rhythm were wedded during the "golden years" of song.

Musical Lecture, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m.

Spirituality and Aging

NECC Professor William O'Rourke, returns to lead a probing forum on the aspects of spirituality that are an integral part of the aging process.

Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Old Flames by D. K. Oklahoma A Creative Arts Series Event

What happens when an older woman decides to share her home with her three ex-husbands? That is the plot for this original comedy by Donna Davis. You will view the video taped version of this play as Davis lectures on its making.

Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. — video drama and lecture.

Conflict and Resolution: The Changing Meanings of the U.S. Constitution — Part III

Professor John Guarino will examine the Equal Protection Clause and will discuss the issues of religion, race, gender, discrimination and affirmative action.

Dec. 1 Lecture at 2 p.m.

All lectures and workshops are regularly held in the Library Conference Area unless otherwise noted.

Annual Christmas party and concert

One of the most exciting events on our calendar is the exciting Christmas Concert by Tony DiPetro, vocalist and Ken Lang, pianist, two musicians extraordinaire. Price of admission: a plate of goodies for the dessert table.

Thursday party, Library Conference Center, 2 p.m.

For further information contact Louise Cramer, life long learning coordinator, at 374-3688. □



Lifelong coordinator

LOUISE CRAMER, who directs NECC's Lifelong Learning program, looks forward to more successful activities this Fall.

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Back home again

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ROSEMARY LOVEDAY returns to NECC after visiting Miami Dade Community College.

Loveday studies Miami Dade CC

By Carrie Burnes
Staff Reporter

Last Spring Rosemary Loveday, assistant professor, department of sports and leisure studies, travelled to Key West, Florida on a family leave. During her stay she decided to visit a nearby community college to compare it to NECC. That school, Miami Dade, is the largest community college in the U.S.

Miami Dade is the number one community college in America. For a college to hold that rank it has to be more than just average. Miami Dade is, Loveday says.

Despite being situated in the city with the highest murder rate in the country, it still manages five full-time campuses, one of which is located on Homestead Air Force Base.

Like here, the ages of students range from recent high school graduates to senior citizens, but unlike NECC, a large part of Miami Dade's population consists of minority groups. Many of the students are Haitians or Cubans.

Here at NECC absences allowed are determined by one's professor. This is not the case at Miami Dade where three absences are allowed per class. On the third absence the teacher is required to call a student's house.

Miami Dade also has a different policy for scheduling classes. Students who work a full-time job are limited to taking three classes only. The college feels this will create a better balance between work and studies. In return, if the student maintains an "A" average in all of his classes, he may then take five classes the following semester.

Miami Dade also offers a fully-

They take pride in their students and that's what is best for them.

equipped fitness center to its students and citizens in the community. Each person is given a health profile before he uses any of the equipment. Likewise, any student seeking a degree in the Arts is required to complete two credits in physical education. This, they feel, helps to promote the commitment Miami Dade has made to promote good health.

Another feature the college offers is its art gallery. This, too, is open to the community. "I think they are linked better with the community," Loveday says. "That is why they don't have any problems with crime."

Miami Dade prides itself on its landscaping as NECC does. "The grounds of the buildings are meticulously kept," she says. "The students will respect the grounds more if they are well kept."

"Miami Dade didn't set out to be number one," Loveday says. "They just wanted to be a great school. They take pride in their students and want what's best for them."

Conference focuses on ethnic churches

By Richard Melanson
Staff Reporter

On November 26, an International Rally and Conference will be held in Lowell at the high school auditorium on French Street, for Cambodian, Chinese, English, Haitian, Hmong, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese speaking peoples.

The conference, focusing on the special ethnic churches in the area served by the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C & MA) denomination, has been held before in the New York and Chicago areas.

The rally is a joint Thanksgiving service for all C & MA churches in New England, and over 1,500 people are expected to attend.

Part of the purpose of the conference is to bring awareness to the English speaking congregations that 15 percent of the alliances and seven New England districts use another language in their services and everyday life.

The New England conference is the brain child of Jerry Palmquist. Palmquist, Reverend "O'B" O'Brien, and Ed Shook, along with many other ethnic pastors working as coordinators for their cultures, have planned and worked on

this project for the past six to eight months.

O'B, as he is called by the Cambodians in the church he pastors in Lowell, is a missionary attached to the Cambodian District of the Intercultural Ministries of the C & MA. He came to Lowell in 1987 to work with the local ethnic population and says this about the rally: "It should be required attendance for all the English speaking churches in the New England area."

His area of expertise is with the Cambodian population both in the Bronx in New York City and now in Lowell and Boston. He says, "The experiences of this ethnic population are both unique and similar to those of the Spanish, Haitian, Hmong, Lao, Korean, and Vietnamese people coming into the United States."

The Cambodian people are all refugees. They have all been in refugee camps prior to coming into this country. They have lived under oppressive Communist regimes and have seen first hand starvation, displacement, and death. Most of the Cambodians left from 1979 through 1981."

The United Nations and the State Department are the cooperating agencies that have the responsibility for bringing these people here. After arriving, the

refugees find there are about 13 sponsoring agencies who are then responsible to the U.N. and the State Department for developing a file on them.

Once approved, the files are given to one of these agencies and it is their job to find some local sponsors for these families. If no local sponsor is found, then the agency itself will find a place for them to settle. In all of this decision making process, the refugee family has no input as to where it will be going. They may end up in Texas, Chicago, California, or Boston. They never know until they go.

O'Brien says that refugees have special problems. Cultural adjustment to the United States and severe emotional scars after the Cambodian experience are only two of them. There are a large number of widows and children, because most of the men were killed in Cambodia. Most families are not complete or intact.

In fact, after having worked with the Cambodians for five years, O'Brien knows of only one family which has a father, mother and all the children. He does know of one widow who had 12 children, but only five of them made it out alive, and another who had eight children, but only two have come with her to the U.S.

"These are the people who are the sur-

vivors. They have tremendous resiliency. They survived Cambodia and they will make it work here," he says.

Part of making it work here involves the help and support of the English speaking people here in the U.S. and, more specifically, here in New England. To this end, the international rally hopes to make area residents aware of the heritage, experience and hope of the many ethnic cultures.

Update, a publication of the New England District Church Growth Office of the C & M A asks the following questions: "What would it be like to join in a hymn sung with Cambodian, Chinese, English, Haitian, Hmong, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese speaking people? All singing in their own languages? All at the same time? How would you like to hear special music and testimony from these various nationals who are a part of our own New England Alliance Family?"

Dr. David Rambo, president of the C & MA, will be presenting a special inspirational challenge. "A special offering will be received at that rally to be used for furthering multi-culture urban ministry in New England. Our goal is \$20,000," he says. □

College literary magazine accepting submissions

By Kris McGlinchey
Staff Reporter

Over the years NECC students have been inspired by the name of a mythological Greek mountain, Parnassus, from where the goddesses convinced their people to appreciate and perform art.

Although this mountain could not be moved to campus, the magic of its name and ideas it symbolizes are continued in NECC's literary magazine, Parnassus.

Essays, photographs, short stories, poetry and sketchings are among the various forms of art displayed throughout its pages.

The overall content of the magazine

however, depends on what is received from students. Each piece submitted is carefully observed by staff members and then selected through a unanimous, democratic vote.

For the upcoming issue of Parnassus, art is now being accepted in room C-347. The deadline for submitted material is Oct. 31. Changes in the magazine's design

are also planned for this issue.

Staff members include: Eleanor Hope-McCarthy, faculty advisor; Joan Coronis, student managing editor, and part-time faculty member, Laurel Obert, who deals with production.

Staff meetings are held each Monday at noon in C-360, a lobby area. □



Sugar and Spice

KATHY CONWELL and some of her students at Bright Horizons.

K. Alfieri photo

Kiddies
Conwell cares for 'em

By Susan Newton
Staff Reporter

Smiling faces, affectionate hugs, scraped knees and runny noses are a typical part of Kathy Conwell's day. Conwell is a teacher at the Bright Horizons Child Care Center at the NECC Haverhill campus. She works with a group of four year-old children, whose parents are students and teachers at the college.

Involved in child care for the past four and a half years, she started as a volunteer at the Haverhill Day Care Center in Bradford and enjoyed the children so much that she decided to pursue a career in child care.

Conwell says, "I realized that taking care of children is where my heart is." She enrolled in some courses and became certified as a pre-school child care teacher in Massachusetts. She is currently expanding her education by taking the Foundations of Early Childhood at NECC.

Most of the children arrive at the center by 9 a.m., when the day's activities begin. Conwell starts the day by discussing topics of interest with the children. Sometimes they discuss the days of the week, the weather, or a special event, such as someone's birthday.

After their discussion, the children have a morning snack and then start an organized activity, such as math or tracing and cutting. When the weather permits, the children play outdoors in the playground. After lunch, the children have quiet time on their cots for napping or resting. Then, they continue with afternoon activities, such as music or painting.

Although being a teacher for pre-schoolers can be frustrating at times,

It's rewarding to see how much the children grow and learn from September to May.

Conwell receives a great sense of accomplishment from her work with the children. "It's rewarding to see how much the children grow and learn from September to May," Conwell says.

She feels that it is the little things that mean the most. "You feel good when you start out with a group of children in September that do not know how to cut with scissors and by May they can do it with no problem," she says.

Nancy Fernandez, Bright Horizons director, feels that Conwell is very sensitive to the children's needs. "Kathy has an excellent sense of humor and interacts well at the children's level," Fernandez says.

Conwell knows first-hand the difficulties working mothers sometimes face, as she has three children, Katie, 11, Janice, nine, and Christopher, two. Her son, Christopher, attends Bright Horizons, so she has the advantage of seeing him during the day. Conwell enjoys spending her spare time with her husband, George, their children and their grandparents.

Mass transit may be
answer for students

By William Chisholm
Staff Reporter

Is commuting back and forth to school really worth the trip? With the price of a car, gas and the ever increasing cost of insurance, public transportation may offer a better solution.

The answer to that question depends in part on a person's budget. If a student cannot afford his own car, then the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority's (MVRTA) buses may be the answer to his dilemma.

Prices for a dependable used car range from \$1,500-\$4,000, while new vehicles start at \$7,000. Monthly payments can be rather expensive, especially if the student lives on his own.

Adding to the tab of owning a car are the insurance rates. Most students are considered inexperienced drivers, which adds more to this expense. The average yearly insurance rate runs from \$800-\$1,500, sometimes more for a person who owns a sports car or is an unlucky or bad driver.

Gas can also run up a healthy bill each month. Monthly bills for upkeep and maintenance can cost between \$350-\$500. Oil changes and minor repairs are extra. Mechanics, who get \$30-\$40 an hour, help to make owning a used car an expensive proposition.

Taking the bus has been made easier this year with beefed up MVRTA service. The system serves Haverhill, Methuen, Lawrence, Newburyport and Amesbury. Adult fare is 60 cents one way between two cities and 85 cents through three cities, with reduced rates for senior

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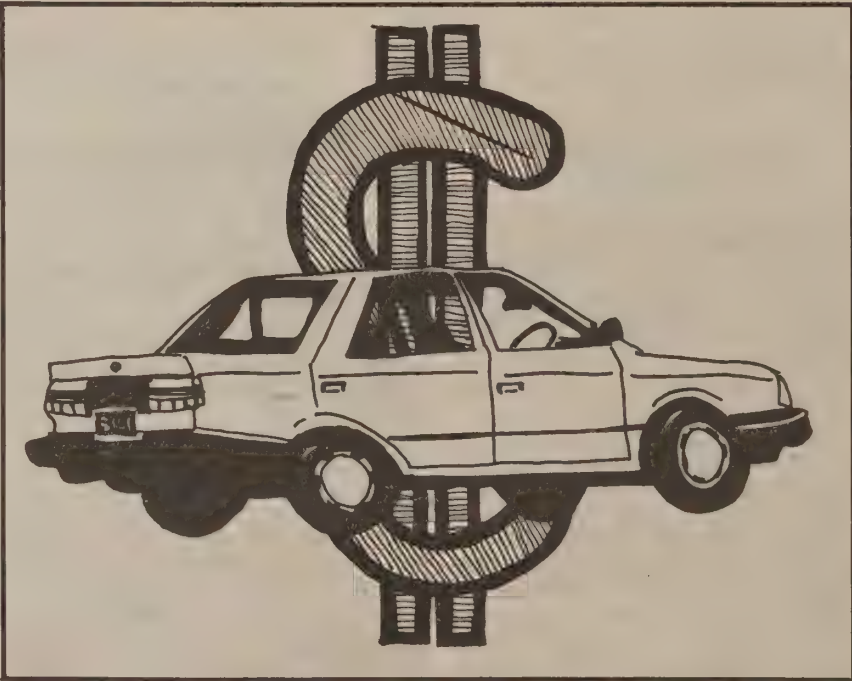
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citizens and the handicapped. Children under five ride free of charge.

Inexpensive fares mean a person may spend between \$7-\$12 a week, a fraction of the cost of owning a car.

The only negative factor in riding the bus is not having the freedom of coming and going at will. Buses do run from 5:25 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 6:35 p.m. on Saturdays. There is no operation on holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, however.

Students have the choice of owning their own car at great expense or depending on public transportation for a reasonable price. □



'Speed' explores the fast track
of life now and in the future

By Carrie Davis
Staff Reporter

Speed, the new Omnimax adventure at the Boston Museum of Science, explores the role of speed in human life from the dawn of time to the future.

The video show introduces viewers to daredevil-racers, test pilots, astronauts, and thrill seekers who live and breathe speed.

At this film's heart is a soft-spoken man known for his imagination. Albert Einstein is the guide during the movie and he thrusts forward the frontiers of human potential, showing how at 16 he envisioned travelling at the speed of light.

The film begins with one of man's earliest uses of speed, the neolithic hunters' need to travel faster in pursuit of swift game. Then, viewers travel from the development of chariots, bicycles, automobiles, and airplanes to the future of rockets and space travel.

Participants next see and feel what speed has become in the twentieth century. Through the imagination of people like Einstein, they experience space travel at faster than light speeds and travel faster and farther to see how future generations will explore the universe.

The show continues at the museum until March, 1989. □



A.J. SULLIVAN

D. Bellavance photo

A.J. Sullivan wins award for acting

By Derek Bellavance
Staff Reporter

Drama student A.J. Sullivan has just recently won the Eastern Massachusetts for Community Theatres' Award. The award was given to him for his performance as Stanley in Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

The twenty-one year old student has been studying drama for nine years. Sullivan graduated from Andover High School in 1984 and attended Framingham State College in 1985 before transferring to NECC.

Sullivan stays active by acting in NECC's Drama Club as well as working for the Andover Theater. He received a part in a movie as an extra this summer.

The best thing about acting is being on the stage. "Concentration is the name of the game," he said. When asked how he felt about winning the award, he said, "Winning the award and seeing the write-ups in the paper gave me one of the best feelings I've ever had."

Sullivan hopes to get into acting as well as settling down with a wife and kids when he gets older. His current goal is to transfer to the American School of Dramatic Arts or The University of Niagra. His advice to other people who want to get into acting is "Don't dream it, be it."

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Russo has Eagle eye

NECC alumnus tells how to make photo worth thousand words

By Wendi Swenson
Staff Reporter

For *Lawrence Eagle Tribune* photographer Carl Russo, a picture is definitely worth a thousand words.

"I try to express myself through photos," says Carl Russo, a former NECC liberal arts student and *Observer* photographer, at a recent noontime Creative Arts series lecture.

Russo became interested in photography during his senior year at a vocational school after hearing a lecture given by a photographer. From there, he went on to attend Franklin Institute in Boston for one year, to study photography.

He next came to Northern Essex, where the aspiring photographer took several liberal arts and photo courses and began to work on the staff of *The Observer*.

After graduating in 1983, Russo worked as a staff photographer for the *Andover Townsman*, a weekly publication. He spent three years there and then accepted a position at the *Lawrence Eagle Tribune*.

Whenever possible, Russo does free lance work and lectures about photography to various groups. Though formerly a shy student, Russo says his college education taught him to overcome that obstacle and feel more confident in expressing himself.

He has won several awards for his work, including a First Place Award in the Mass. Press Association Photo competition and a Second Place Award for the Associated Press. Russo most enjoys photographing people, as he says he likes to "capture life."

His advice to anyone interested in beginning a career in photography is to always take pictures. "Try different techniques, experiment, and don't be afraid to make mistakes. Practice makes perfect," he says.

Russo wishes he had learned to write better while in school. He improved his photography skills at NECC, but now wishes he could write at the *Tribune*.

The most important thing he learned at NECC is the ability to communicate with others. "I am no longer the shy person I once was," he says. On the contrary, he now appears open and confident as he lectures and passes on his knowledge to a new generation of NECC photographers.



Star photographer

File photo

CARL RUSSO, formerly an *Observer* staffer and photographer for *The Andover Townsman*, recently gave a lecture for the NECC noontime Creative Arts Series.



'January' opens this weekend

The student production of Ayn Rand's "Night of January 16th," a courtroom thriller, opens Oct. 28 in the Top Notch Theatre.

The play will also be performed Oct. 29 and Nov. 4 and 5. Tickets for the production are \$3, \$2 for students and seniors.

Audience participation is important in this drama. Members of the audience will decide the outcome of the play.

The three-act-play is directed by Susan Sanders.

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U-Lowell presents
Marines concert

The University of Lowell Center for the Arts will present the U.S. Marine Band in concert on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The concert is free, but reserved seating will be in effect and tickets are required.

This band is a part of American history. Their pageantry and splendor has played a part in every presidential inauguration since the time of Thomas Jefferson. John Philip Sousa, "America's March King," began composing his famous marches while serving as director of the band in the late 19th century.

The U.S. Marine band is the oldest professional musical ensemble in the United States. Today, as in the past, its members are recruited from the best music schools and conservatories in the country.

The 63-piece band will play a rousing parade of music by Sousa (including *Semper Fidelis* in celebration of its 100th anniversary), Claude Debussy, George Chadwick, Robert Jager and selections from Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium is located at 50 East Merrimack St. in downtown Lowell. The theatre is handicapped-accessible and inexpensive parking is nearby. For more information or to order (free) tickets, call the Center at (508) 459-0350.

New music from
the 'Composers'

The Composers In Red Sneakers will present a concert of new music Friday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m. at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.

Included will be new works composed by Marti Epstein, Jeffrey Fischer, Christopher Stowens, and Herman Weiss plus guest speakers Hayg Boyadjian and Robert Nieske. Music for chamber ensembles, solo instruments, and electronic and multi-media will be featured.

Composers In Red Sneakers is a consortium of composers who produce concerts of new music. They are committed to the notion that new music need be neither forbidding nor incomprehensible. Their album, *Composers In Red Sneakers*, is available at record stores everywhere and at the concert.

Spellbinding performance by Binder

Tribute a real success

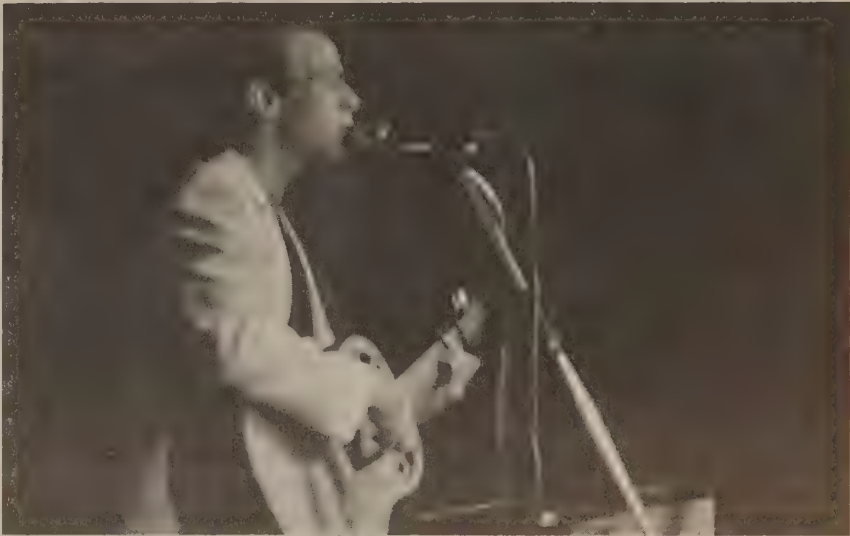
By Pat Allen
Staff Reporter

Although my eyes weren't deceiving me, my ears certainly were. Dave Binder's performance Thursday night was an astonishing imitation of James Taylor.

Binder played over 40 songs, including such hits as *Fire and Rain* and *Carolina On My Mind*. He was a one man show, complete with "Freddy," his drum machine, and the Dave Binder backup singers, which consisted of himself in three-part harmony on tape.

Not only was his show musically entertaining, but informative as well. Binder, guided the audience through the life of James Taylor, from his early adolescence, his drug problems of the late '60s and early '70s, to the present. He explained Taylor's incentives for writing certain songs, his moods at times in his life and gave a thorough background of the Massachusetts born singer.

Binder began performing at college campuses eight years ago, but it wasn't until a year and a half ago that he began his Taylor tribute. After every show, at least one person in the audience would say that he sounds like James Taylor. At first Binder ignored these comments until he realized that they were more than just compliments.



James Taylor performance

C. Anderson photo

DAVE BINDER, though not the famous singer/songwriter, did an excellent job in performing many Taylor favorites in a recent NECC evening concert.

Binder himself began to see his resemblance to Taylor, which is when his tribute performances began.

The audience of approximately 50 people went home satisfied. Applauding and singing, along with good humor, provided for an evening of great entertainment. Binder proved that such Taylor favorites as *That's Why I'm Here* and *You've Got a Friend* are still popular today.

Binder's rendition of *Fire and Rain* is a must. Don't miss his next show.

U2 album 'Rattles and Hums'

By Kristen Schontag
Staff Reporter

U2 has done it again. With the help Jimmy Iovine, the group has produced one of the best collections of songs ever recorded. *Rattle and Hum*, is a melting pot of Country, Blues, and Rock-n-Roll. It's a definite success.

The group has not only expanded their sound but their lyrics. The album takes off with a cranking remake of the Beatle's *Helter Skelter*, recorded live at McNichols Arena in Denver, Colo.

Bono's voice is no longer quiet. His vocals are more powerful and clear, and they cut through the instrumental sound that occasionally smothered him in past albums.

Other songs like *Desire*, *All Along the Watchtower* and *God Part II*, have the same rock-based beat of drums and guitar. The band performs *All Along the Watchtower*, an excellent rendition of Bob Dylan's song, which was originally performed by Jimi Hendrix. U2 has not tried to copy the Hendrix sound, but merely heightens their own.

God Part II, dedicated to the late John

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Lennon, is one of the most rock riveting, message-filled songs on the album. It's riddled with beliefs and truths — the type of controversy Lennon was known for.

"Don't believe in forced entry. I don't believe in rape, but every time she passes by, wild thoughts escape.

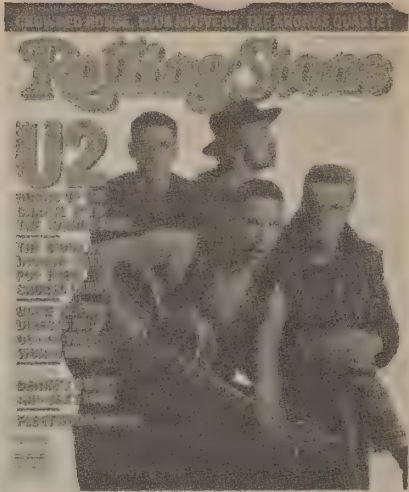
Don't believe in deathrow, skidrow or the gangs.

Don't believe in the Uzi, it just went off in my hand.

I... I believe in love."

The song is followed by a moving version of their own *Bullet in the Skv.* opening with Hendrix's own *Star Spangled Banner*. Hendrix, Edge's personal guitar idol, plays nothing less than psychedelic perfection.

When it comes to the blues, U2 has finally realized their roots. B.B. King, appearing courtesy of MCA Records, lends his earthy vocals and blues guitar talents to *When Love Comes to Town*.



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Angel of Harlem is a song dedicated to blues singer Billie Holiday. With Joey Miskulin on the organ and the Memphis Horns playing backup, the song is moved sweetly along.

Freedom for My People is a short performance sung by Sterling Magee. The small clip, needless to say, is a glimpse of the original blues in rare form.

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, a Joshua Tree classic, was recorded live in Madison Square Garden, on Sept. 28, 1987. It is easy to see why this version of the song was chosen. Guest vocals, New Voices of Freedom, a choir of intense talent, act as one giant backup singer. The result is a soul and gospel willed version. Bono is almost lost behind the powerful solists, George Pendergrass and Dorothy Terrell.

A collection of U2 favorites, *Silver and Gold*, *Pride (In the Name of Love)*, and *Bullet the Blue Sky*, are mingled in with the new songs. Recorded from the 1987 concerts in Denver, Colo., and Tempe, Ariz., the songs possess the personality and energy expected from a live concert. *Hawkmoon 269*, a true love song glows,

with lyrics like this:

"Like a rhythm unbroken like drums in the night, like sweet soul music, like sunlight — I need your love."

Starting slow and building up to a climax of sound is a U2 trade mark, much like *Exit. Heartland* and *All I Want is You*, love ballads also, resemble the well known *With or Without* release.

The most surprising performance is *Van Diemen's Land*. With only his guitar as rhythm, The Edge sings with a well adjusted country accent, the story of an Irish poet. The song is lonely and haunting.

Love Rescue Me, written by Bono and Bob Dylan, has even a more country sound. Dylan, singing backing vocals, adds that unmistakable country whine that he's famous for.

There is no doubt that *Rattle and Hum* will cause a stir in the music world. If you're a U2 fan, this album is a must. For those unfamiliar with U2, the album shows all sides, past and future, of one of the best music groups around. □

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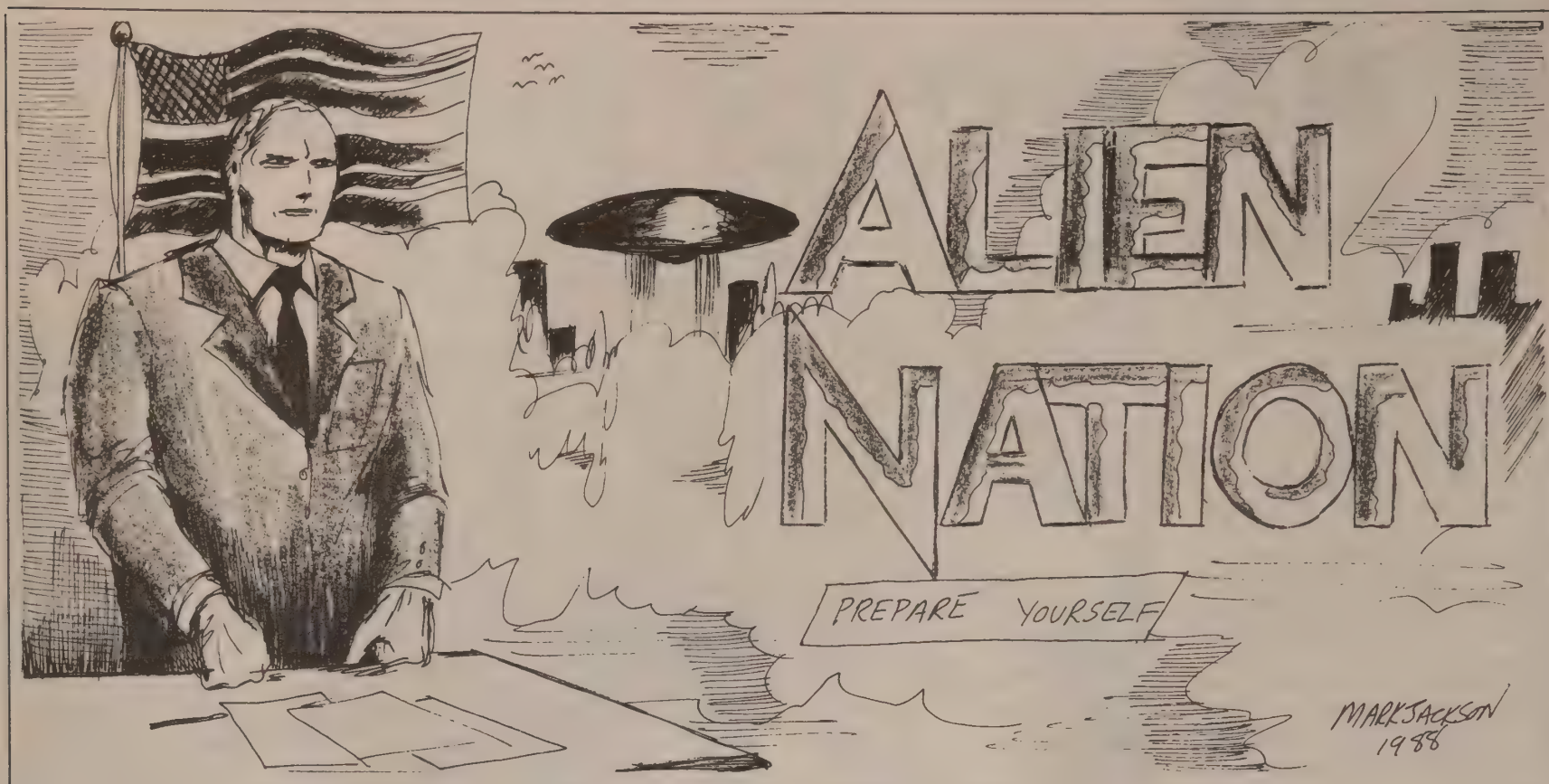
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'Alien Nation' a sci-fi near miss

By Stan Grenier
Staff Reporter

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Alien Nation, starring James Caan and Mandy Patinkin, offers a new twist to a commonly used story-line.

The story, set in Los Angeles in 1991, is about a cop, Matt Sykes (Caan), seeking to avenge the death of his partner who was murdered in a shoot out. The investigation leads Sykes to uncover a major drug-dealing operation and the drug kingpin who is responsible for his partner's death.

This plot, and the eventual showdown, is original, yet screenwriter Rockne S. O'Bannon adds interesting elements to the story.

One such element is that extra-terrestrial aliens have landed three years

previous and acclimated themselves into American society. They work and raise their families the same way humans do. They are the new minority, accepted by humans with reservations.

One alien "newcomer" is a detective played by Patinkin. He becomes Caan's new partner and they set out to crack the illegal drug population.

Throughout the film Caan and Patinkin play off each other well, but the script doesn't utilize the alien slant as well as it could have. The novelty of extra-terrestrial beings coexisting with humans seems to be a way of covering up a cliché-

ridden story and the film eventually loses its charm.

The movie is at its best when it shows the way the "newcomers" live. They get drunk on sour milk, eat raw meat and fur, and avoid the beach because salt water burns them like battery acid.

This aspect is far more interesting than the crime-drama and it should have been further explored.

The action in Alien Nation is exciting at first, but the climax is weak. Director Graham Baker uses the streets of L.A. in the obligatory car chase scenes, often creating some thrills which don't come enough to sustain the viewer's interest. The pacing of the film is uneven and the most exciting sequence is in the first 15 minutes. This fatal flaw makes the final confrontation a let down.

To its credit, Alien Nation does have some good performances. Patinkin is wonderful as an outsider trying to fit into our strange world. The elaborate make-up doesn't mask his expressive face and he creates a likeable creature.

Caan is good as a hard living cop and his performance meshes well with Patinkin's gentler approach. He is a welcome sight returning to acting after a five year hiatus. His tough-guy style is refreshing change from the indistinguishable heroes of most motion pictures today.

Given the premise and the stars, Alien Nation had the opportunity to be a fascinating sci-fi thriller. The ingredients were there, but once again the writing fails to create a recipe which could use these components successfully.

SIGOURNEY WEAVER



She left everything she knew and entered a world few have ever seen. To save a vanishing creature from the cruelty of man, she went further than anyone ever dared. Some say she went too far.

No monkeying around in 'Gorillas in the Mist'

By Kristen Carl
Staff Reporter

Gorillas in the Mist, starring Sigourney Weaver and Bryan Brown is a true story of one woman's 18 year crusade to save the African mountain gorillas.

The film was based on Dian Fossey's 1983 autobiography Gorillas in the Mist and a November 1986 article by Harold Hayes in Life Magazine. It starts out when Fossey (Weaver) is sent to Africa.

In 1966, she is sent to the rain forests of Rwanda, Africa to take a census of the endangered African mountain gorillas. Little does she know she will spend the next 18 years of her life fighting for their lives because she finds they are a part of her and she becomes extremely devoted to them.

She lets no one study them without her permission and only after each person does their share of work do they even get a look at the gorillas.

During her time in Africa, Fossey slowly cut ties off with the outside world. She drinks and smokes excessively and also makes many enemies by using extreme scare tactics to try to keep away the poachers who steal baby gorillas for zoo exhibits. They also kill mature animals to use their heads and hands for ornaments.

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ficult role to play.

The footage of Weaver and the gorillas are skillfully filmed with the same creatures Fossey studied. Though the movie has this great footage, it seems to harp on the fact that she has an affair with a National Geographic photographer (Brown). All in all, this movie is a good one and highly recommended. □

No rest for the Oz

'The Wicked' hails the past

By Frank Peabody
Staff Reporter

Yes, madman Ozzy Osbourne is loose once again with the unleashing of his long awaited album, *No Rest For The Wicked*. The album, bound to be a success, carries us back to days of Ozzy-past.

The Ozzy Osbourne band, consisting of some very talented musicians pound out the music under Ozzy's semi-sane lyrics which are sung in his true howling-dog fashion. Ozzy is back, and he's in rare form.

Supporting Ozzy is drummer Randy Castillo, former Ozzy bassist Bob Daisley, key boardist John Sinclair, and new fangled guitar player Zakk Wylde who Ozzy fans have been waiting to hear. rear.

For Wylde, replacing former guitarist Jake E. Lee could not have been an easy task. Making it even harder, and adding tons of pressure to Wylde's shoulders were Ozzy's comparisons to legendary Ozzy-guitarist Randy Rhoads. Wylde does the job and does it well, with his playing that sounds like a combination of the late Rhoads and Dokken guitarist, George Lynch.

The first song on the album is *Miracle Man*, a great tune that is about TV Evangelists — the lyrics tell all:

Today I saw a Miracle Man, on TV cryin'; such a hypocritical man, born again dying.

He don't know where he's goin', but we know where he's been it was our little Jimmy Sinner on the screen ... Now Jimmy he got busted — with his pants' down — repent ye wretched sinners — self-righteous clown — miracle man got busted ...

The next tune, *Devil's Daughter*, is filled with great music and singing that reminds one of Ozzy's Black Sabbath days. Listeners are taken for a ride into the part of Ozzy's brain containing mystery and the occult.

Crazy Babies is a tune with a great guitar riff, drums, and bass. The singing and chorus are a bit corny — but catchy.

A favorite tune on the album, called *Breaking All the Rules*, is about rebellion. Complete with astounding guitar licks and solos, it has great singing and a very



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catchy chorus.

This is the first album Ozzy has ever recorded, either with Sabbath or his solo career, contains straight-out background vocals. The backing vocals at the end of this song add a hook that just grabs and pulls you in. Ozzy's backing vocals sound similar to *Guns 'n Roses*.

Fire in the Sky, contains great lyrics that one might suspect are about Ozzy's life, especially his childhood. One complaint is a technical problem: the fade out at the end should have been quicker because few enjoy hearing the chorus being repeated 12 times.

A real tasty tune on the album, *Blood-bath in Paradise*, opens with some creepy, eerie keyboard sounds with babies crying and wind in the background. Then comes a voice reciting a backwards message (no way, not on an Ozzy album), and then it crashes into some incredible guitar licks supported by some heavy riffs. The song creates a frenzy in your body that makes you want to run around like a wildman.

Next, is *Demon Alcohol*, a song written from the alcohol's point-of-view:

I'll wash away your lies and have you hypnotized. There'll be no compromise today. I'll share your life of shame — I think you know my name, I'll introduce myself today, I'm the demon alcohol, demon alcohol. I'll get you.

It's a great tune with good guitar, drums, bass and great lyrics describing

Ozzy's bout with alcohol which he overcame at the Betty Ford Clinic in 1982.

Well, that's it, right? Wrong. Being his mysterious self, Ozzy threw a track on the album that is not listed on the credit list. Its name may be *Fools Know More*, as this is the phrase repeated as a chorus. For whatever the reason, it should have been listed since it is one of the better tunes on the album.

All in all, this is a fantastic record sounding like old Ozzy, his best release since *Diary of a Madman*. For an Ozzy fanatic, *No Rest For The Wicked* is a success. Go out, buy it now — you'll get an album that is slightly commercial with a heavy edge, unlike his last studio album, *The Ultimate Sin*, which was so commercial that your grandmother would have liked it. His new album is one to be reckoned with.



Big sound from Bignotes

BEN BALDWIN and the Bignotes swing during an Oct. 17 noontime concert in the cafeteria. The five-piece jazz band was well received by an overflow crowd of students.

S. Flanagan photo



BIGNOTE TENOR saxman blows during a hot noontime concert Oct. 17 in the cafeteria.

S. Flanagan photo

Danger for Bad Company fans

By Frank Peabody
Staff Reporter

Two and a half weeks ago, *Dangerous Age*, the new release from Bad Company, hit the shelves of record stores all across the United States.

Although Bad Company is a successful group, the album is much less than expected. Reasons for this problem may be that only half of the original '70's group remain.

Boz Burrill is no longer with Bad Company, having been replaced by former Billy Idol bassist, Steve Price, who is only credited as being a "guest bass player."

Instead of hearing former vocalist Paul Rodgers' familiar voice, listeners are treated to that of Brian Howe. Howe, whose voice has a great resemblance to that of Lou Gramm of Foreigner, does provide some good singing and some very good lyrics on this album, as well as the last album, *Fame and Fortune*.

Another reason *Dangerous Age* is not as good as previous Bad Company material, is that the group has changed with the times. Now, the band has a sort of synthetic sound like so many of the '80's bands. That isn't to say that the "new" Bad Company doesn't sound unique in some ways.

Take, for instance, the opening song *One Night*, which opens with a bang. The song starts off with some intense guitar riffs. Supported by good lyrics, the song is nicely done with a catchy chorus.

Shake It Up, on the other hand, is not as good. Opening with some great, western-type melodies, it progresses in-



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to a song much in the manner of heavy metal band AC-DC. One thing that does get this song off the ground is an incredibly well-played, well-written guitar solo.

The first single released off *Dangerous Age* was *No Smoke Without A Fire*. A very good choice, this tune has

astounding guitar lines, great solos, an excellent chorus, as well as a great beat provided by drummer Simon Kirke.

Dangerous Age is an upbeat song with great guitar, bass, and drums behind some great lyrics which are sung well. It's an excellent song to drive your car to.

On the flipside is another great song, *Dirty Boy*. With great music and lyrics, it makes you wish that the chorus was a little catchier.

Rock of America gets my vote as the worst song on the album. Words like

... It's a good album, despite a few problems. "Dangerous Age" should, and probably will, sell well.

"rock," "baby" and any thing having to do with "America" are cliches that will sell songs. This song contains two of the most commercial words in the title alone. It doesn't get any better. The music is horrible and the lyrics are rotten.

Something About You, however, is the only song on the record that sounds remotely like old Bad Company. Needless to say, it's a favorite. A slow ballad with vocals that have so much feeling, it tears hearts apart every time. Mick Ralphs' guitar playing is great with some excellent lead breaks at the end of the tune.

There's not too much to say about *The Way It Goes* except that it's a song about hard luck and hope supported by a good chorus, great lyrics, and passable music.

The last song on the LP, *Love Attack*, sounds like Rodgers is back at the microphone. Unfortunately, he's not, but a catchy chorus and good music make up the difference. The lyrics are pretty cheesy, too.

All in all, it's a good album, despite a few problems. *Dangerous Age* should, and probably will, sell well and a whole new generation of rock fans can once again enjoy this group. □

Van Halen redeems 'Monsters' tour

By Mike Trainor
Staff Reporter

Van Halen made their return to the Worcester Centrum at a concert which sold out just prior to its 7:30 start. The main cause for the show not being sold out earlier was the Monster's of Rock concert last June, where Van Halen was just plain awful.

After beginning the show with *Naturally Wired*, from their latest album entitled *OUB12*, lead singer Sammy Hagar apologized. He blamed an early curfew and several other restrictions for their poor showing at the Sullivan Stadium concert. What followed was two hours of rock n' roll Van Halen style.

Hagar, the new guy so to speak, sounded great as he sang not only post-Roth

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Van Halen, but also sang his versions of *Running with the Devil*, *Everybody Wants Some*, *You Really Got Me*, and *Ain't Talkin' bout Love*.

Dressed in yellow football pants and a constantly changing t-shirt, depending on what the fans tossed up to him, the shaggy-haired Hagar was on the move throughout the entire evening, high-fiving the crowd whenever he got the chance.

Michael Anthony, the group's bassist, was the first to get his solo in. The crowd, though somewhat subdued during

the bass solo, still rocked the place.

After *Mine All Mine*, *Best of Both Worlds* and a few other songs, Alex Van Halen got his chance to show off his stuff.

The drum platform slowly rose into the air some 20 feet, fireworks exploded from its sides, and a few people spilled drinks, not expecting the boom.

Eddie Van Halen looked somewhat scuzzy, sporting jeans, a ripped yellow t-shirt and hair covering his eyes. He continued to prove throughout the night why he's considered one of the best in the business. He rattled off improvised solos in *5150*, *Summer Nights* and *Black and Blue*. The Centrum crowd awaiting the usual 15 minute solo frequently broke into chants of "Ed-die" between tunes.

When the time came for the solo guitar

piece, the fans shook the building furiously. Then, as Eddie began to play, the place became silent, no one wanting to miss a note of *Cathedrals*, *Eruption*, *Spanish Fly* or the little blues riff he began with. After the fast paced solo the group slowed things a bit with *When It's Love*. And as usual, they finished the show with Led Zeppelin's "Rock n' Roll".

The only dull moment in the entire evening was the bass solo, but the surprise of the night was a melting solo by Hagar singing *Where the Eagles Fly Off* from his own album released last year.

After being disappointed at the Monster's of Rock, the crowd that filled the streets after the show couldn't help but think what a great concert they had just seen.

Some sweet music coming from the land of ice

By John Riccardi
Staff Reporter

Iceland has never been recognized as musically fertile country, but that may change with the release of the Sugar Cubes' first American release, *Life's Too Good*.

It's a refreshing change from the boorish metal-mania cluttering today's airwaves and music video channels. And due to the airplay the record's singles (*Birthday* and *Cold Sweat*) have been getting on WFNX and college radio stations, this Icelandic quintet is slowly gaining deserved notoriety. A recent appearance on *Saturday Night Live* is sure to enlighten some ill-informed listeners, too.

The Sugar Cubes have a distinct style that is both entertaining and challenging. Never is it boring or repetitive. Each of the 11 songs stand on their own, refusing to follow a proven commercial formula other than being original. Some of the credit, of course, goes to the producers, R. Shulman and D. Birkett. They create a live, spacious atmosphere similar to what Steve Lillywhite did for U2's earlier efforts. Fortunately, the comparison stops there.

The primary reason for the Cubes' uni-

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que sound is the singing of Bjork, a diminutive woman physically, with a voice that could raze a building. The vibrancy her voice projects is a relief from the repulsive screaming of obnoxiously pompous heavy metal clones and the inane disco lullabies from the latest influx of adolescents.

As powerful as her voice may be, it's the dynamics Bjork displays which are so impressive. The range is evidenced in *Birthday*. Within seconds her voice spans from a whisper to a growl to a siren-like falsetto.

The versatility of Bjork's voice is put to good use when it is used as an additional instrument, augmenting the occasional lead vocals of fellow Cube and trumpeter, Einar.

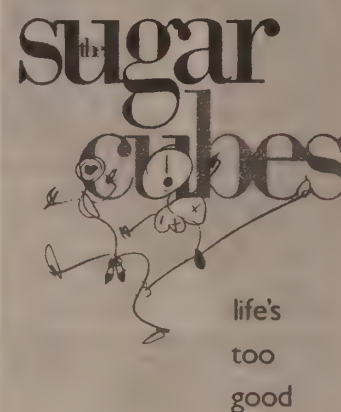
As much as this is a showcase of Bjork's vocal talent, *Life's Too Good* is a good record because of the contributions of the remaining Cubes. The interaction of the members is what makes the Cubes' sound so instantly recognizable.

Not since salt and pepper has a combination worked so well. Bjork and Einar trade off phrases in many of the songs. No, it's not a traditional vocal approach, but it is very effective.

Another reason for the unique sound of the Cubes is the rhythmic duo of bassist Bragi and drummer Sigg. Often you can't help but convulse to the inventive grooves the tandem carves out. Bragi's bass is never an overbearing nuisance to the ears. It's more of a presence that envelopes. The drums, on the other hand, do not let the band ease up for one beat. Sigg's style stirs memories of Stewart Copeland of Police fame.

Accenting the rhythm section is the innovative guitar work of Thor. His guitar is the perfect link that ties all the pieces together. It is often like a razor, cutting through the pulsating rhythms in *Blue Eyed Pop*, the sleeper on this record. Other times, the guitar lines are whimsical. But, like The Sugar Cubes themselves, the guitar never is a self-indulgent vice.

Perhaps it's the casual "we don't take ourselves too seriously" attitude that makes the Cubes. They play within themselves, not pretending to be the



answer to all our problems. They simply write and play innovative new music.

If the humorous fluorescent cover art doesn't alert you of what's to follow, the introduction to the record's first cut, *Traitor*, will. *Life's Too Good* is a must for avid collectors of new music. □



Making it

THERE'S MORE than one way to make money for your club at Northern Essex. Above, members of the Registered Nurse department raise a little money with a combination bake sale and raffle.

Photos by Tom Pecorelli, Keith Alfeiri



Cleaning up

SKI CLUB members held a car wash last week outside the NECC gym. Proceeds from the sale will help pay for future ski trips.

K. Alfeiri photo

Club holds mock election; Bush wins over Dukakis

By James Fallon
Staff Reporter

The Contemporary Affairs Society held a mock election recently in the C-Building lobby. Republican candidate George Bush walked away victorious with 186 votes to Democrat Michael Dukakis' 145. Two other candidates, Flauni and Dattner of the New Alliance party and Paul and Marrou of the Libertarian party, were blown out of the race. Combined, these two candidates had only had 17 votes.

The mock election was the main attraction at a bake sale that the Contemporary Affairs Society held. Students voted for their candidates on a simulated presidential ballot.

Beth Wilcoxson, advisor of the Contemporary Affairs Society, and professor dept. of history and government, and Jnis Rhodes coordinated the event.

The club is composed of students who meet every Monday to discuss contemporary affairs. In March, it will be involved in a program in which several schools get together and conduct a simulated United Nations meeting.

Each School will represent a different nation and the simulated seminar proceeds as an actual United Nations gathering would. Topics such as law enforcement and arms control are discussed.

The Contemporary Affairs Society meets every Monday at 12 noon in room CA302.

Results of the Contemporary Affairs Society mock election follow:

Candidate	Day Vote	DCE Vote	Total
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Bentsen	113	32	145
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Dattner	7	0	7
Libertarian Paul			
Marrou	8	2	10
Other	8	2	10
Invalid ballots	10	1	11
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Here's how you can work, learn

By Shaun Donahue
Staff Reporter

Cooperative Education is a plan that allows students to work at jobs related to their academic studies to give them hands-on experience. Co-op, as it is most commonly referred to, is a course just like any other and students gain credits toward their degree.

There are requirements to meet in order to be eligible for the program, however. Students must complete at least one semester and should be in a degree or certificate program.

Approximately 75 students are currently involved in the program at Northern Essex. "A majority of those are in the business areas," says Debby Scire, cooperative education director. The department is hoping that these figures will continue to increase in the future.

"The program has been very successful," Scire says. "The job market out there is really looking good right now. I can't imagine a better time to be looking for a co-op job."

A student can definitely benefit from this program because they not only

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receive credits toward their degree, but in most cases get a weekly paycheck as well.

NECC's co-op program has existed for approximately ten years. Cooperative education has existed much longer than that, however. NECC's program stands in a league of its own because it differs from other colleges around the Commonwealth, Scire says.

At many other schools, credits are not received for co-op jobs and students do

not work and go to school at the same time. That is not the case here because students work at their jobs, go to school, and receive credits for the experience.

Co-op definitely takes up a lot of time, but Scire says, "Students need to set their priorities when involved in co-op."

Students interested in co-op for the second semester should report to the co-op office, located on the first floor of the Student Center, by the end of this month.

In other co-op news:

A change in the program is planned for the second semester when the jobs will be posted prior to registering to make students aware of the available positions.

The department ran Project Advantage last summer. This program was funded by a vocational education grant, aimed to ease student transition from school to work. Project Advantage was an important asset to those preparing to graduate, and it is hoped that programs like this will continue to benefit students entering the work force, Scire says.

Co-op will be offering a workshop on resume writing from October 31 through November 4. Interested students should sign up in the co-op office. Resumes are necessary when applying for a co-op job, so this is a good opportunity to prepare for a co-op job for the Spring semester.

Old Celts must run to win

By Pam Moran
Staff Reporter

This season the Boston Celtics will be playing by the rules of a new coach. Jimmy Rogers, former assistant coach, has moved up in the ranks to hopefully lead the Celtics to yet another world championship. Rogers was promoted when K.C. Jones retired after the loss to the Detroit Pistons in last year's playoffs.

With the change will come new ideas. The Celtics will have to play a different type of game if they want to be competitive in the league. This system will consist of more of a running game as opposed to a set pace. Instead of staying with just the starting five, Rogers plans to use the bench more often.

Presently, the starting five are: Robert Parish at center, Larry Bird and Kevin McHale at the forward positions, and Dennis Johnson and Danny Ainge as the two guards.

There is nothing wrong with this combination except the fact that they are an old group, compared to other NBA teams. What the Celtics need is to substitute more frequently.

"My biggest concern is that the five guys we have on the court play together as one," veteran McHale said. "I think we got away from that last year. We didn't play well as a team and that was really unfortunate. You can't win with just individual talent. We always had good individual talent. You've got to top that off by playing better than the other team, as a team."

Some of the players who will see more playing time are Reggie Lewis, Brad Lohaus, Mark Acres, and rookie guard Brian Shaw.

Shaw has been most impressive in the pre-season. When asked if he will be able to play the Celtics new fast pace game, he said, "That's the style that I played the last three years at U.C. Santa Barbara. Getting the ball and going. I like to get in and rebound. That starts the fast break a lot faster than one of the big men getting the rebound and then having to find you for the outlet pass. Plus the fact that I like to pick up my man full court and make him work the whole way down."

With the Celtics talent and new attitude, they will be looking at another successful season. It remains to be seen whether they can capture the NBA crown.

Trivia Answers

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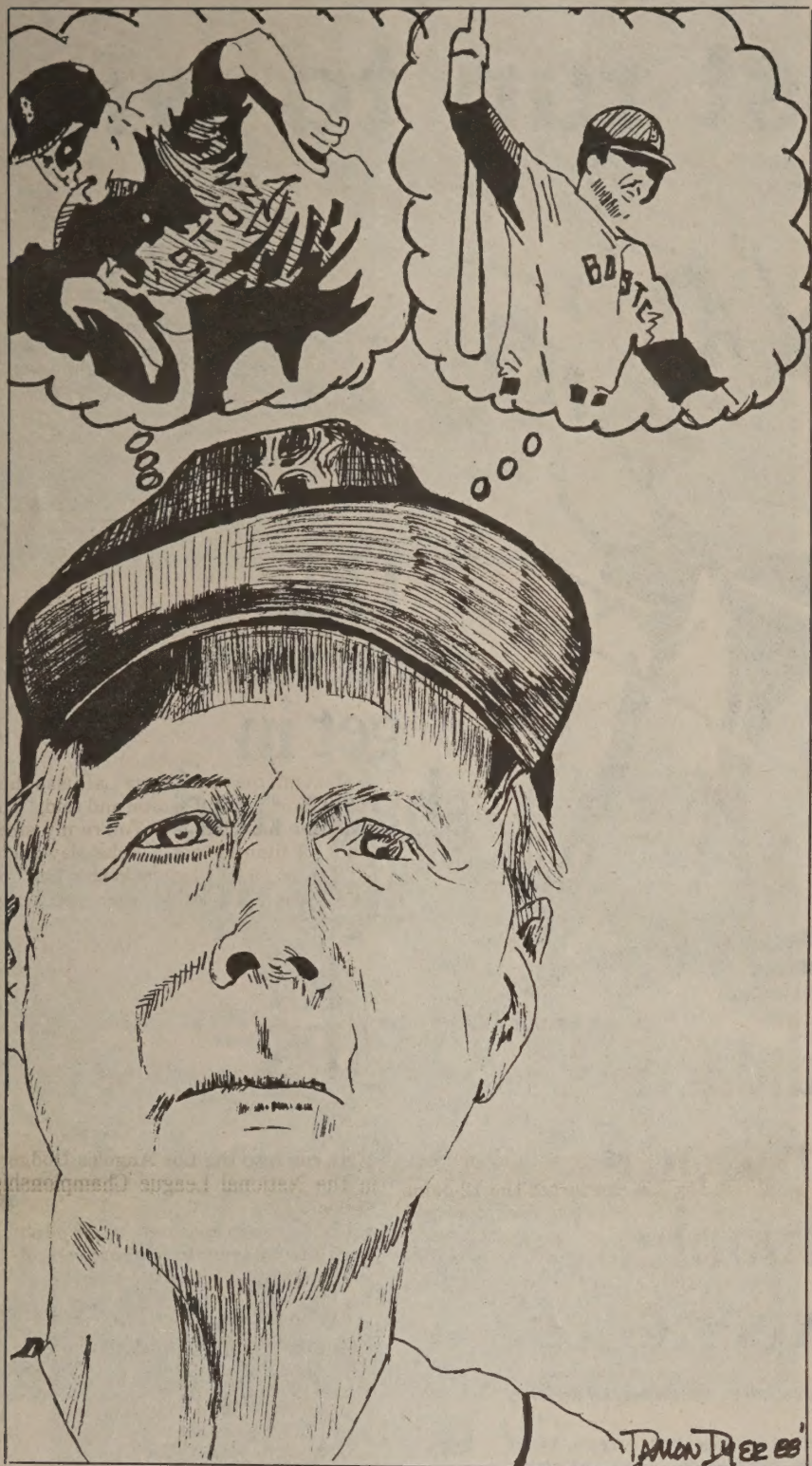
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Gorman, Morgan look to make winter moves

By James Fallon
Staff Reporter

Lou Gorman, Red Sox general manager, has a big off-season ahead of him. The Sox have all the potential to be a serious contender for the American League pennant next year. By making the right transactions this winter, Gorman and the Sox could get what they need to win the pennant in '89.

The Red Sox were last in the league in stolen bases this past year and only Milwaukee and Texas hit fewer homeruns than Boston. The Sox also left more runners on base than any other team (1,269). They did lead the majors in hitting at .283, however. That's a lot of singles.

When the singles stopped coming in the last week of the season and in the playoffs, it was evident that the Sox didn't have the speed or power to compensate. This cost them a shot at the World Series title.

What the Sox really need is a power hitter who can provide the extra boost that they will need down the stretch.

The biggest questions Gorman has to answer right now are what to do with Jim Rice, Bruce Hurst, and Carlos Quintana.

The team is committed to paying Rice \$2.4 million next year unless they can trade him, but Rice can refuse to be traded because he is a ten-five man (ten years in the majors, the last five with the same team).

The Sox realize that they made a mistake by signing Rice to that contract and now they'll have to pay for it. Besides, there aren't many teams that will trade for a \$2.4 million player who batted only .264 with 15 homeruns. They are basically stuck with Rice.

Bruce Hurst is golden as far as he and his agent are concerned. The Red Sox have only two left-handers on their pitching staff, and there is no prominent left-handed pitching prospect in their farm system.

Hurst has emerged as one of the premier lefties in the game, and now he is demanding to be rewarded for it. They must re-sign Hurst before the World Series ends or he will become a free agent. He is reportedly seeking a three-year, six million dollar contract, but the Red Sox

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have a policy of not signing pitchers for more than two years. Gorman has offered Hurst a two-year contract for about \$4.8 million which Hurst has turned down.

Tom Bolton, hardly an impressive relief pitcher, who pitched only thirty innings last season, is Boston's other left-hander. The Sox really have no choice but to sign Hurst.

Gorman has high hopes for minor league prospect Carlos Quintana, a left-fielder who can hit for power. Gorman says that Quintana will be with the Sox next year, but with Greenwell, Burks and Evans in the outfield, where will Quintana play?

Benzinger, Evans, and Parrish shared the duties at first base last season, but nobody was really a standout. With Evans back in rightfield and Parrish unlikely to return, Quintana could wind up there.

Rich Cerone showed that he could still catch, but he didn't play well enough to assume the position full-time. Rich Gedman proved once again that he can't be relied on as a hitter, although he does know his pitchers and handles them well.

The other problem is in the bullpen. The acquisition of Lee Smith was a major one for the Sox, but he needs help. The other relief pitchers might have had a few shining performances last season, but how often can Joe Morgan depend on guys like Bob Stanley, Bolton, and Dennis Lamp?

Winter is the time when baseball fans can look for Gorman to take some action. If he plays his cards right, the Boston Red Sox could be back in contention in '89.

Heads turning fast

Lemieux, Gretzky lead their teams with scoring feats, team point records

By Jacques Lambert
Staff Reporter

The NHL season is just two weeks old, yet there are already a few teams turning heads. For a quick look at the movers and the shakers, here's a run down on hockey's top teams.

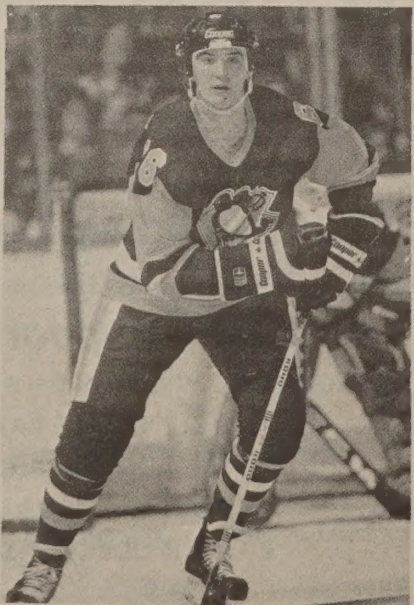
Smythe — The L.A. Kings, led by superstar Wayne Gretzky, are off to a 4-1 start after the first two weeks.

By defeating quality teams such as the Bruins, Red Wings and their divisional rivals, the Calgary Flames, the Kings are quickly gaining respect from the other teams around the league.

Led by Gretzky's 12 points in five games, the Kings find themselves on top of the Smythe Division. How long this will last is hard to say, but with No. 99 on the King's side, it could end in mid-May.

Patrick — Mario Lemieux, the Pittsburgh Penguins' scoring machine, has his team out to a 3-1 record. Against the St. Louis Blues recently, Lemieux set both a personal and team high for points in one game, earning eight points.

In the first four games, Lemieux has 15 points and is bidding for his second Hart Ross Trophy, which is awarded to the league's regular season leading scorer. Last year Lemieux was the first person



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PENGUINS SCORING ace, Mario Lemieux, the only person to challenge Wayne Gretzky for the scoring title.

in eight seasons to beat out Gretzky for this honor.

The Philadelphia Flyers are another

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Patrick Division team off to an impressive start. The Flyers are 4-0 and are in first place in the division. The Flyers, thus far, have allowed the fewest goals in the league.

Norris — The division which had only one team (the Detroit Red Wings) finish with a record better than .500 last season, is off to another poor start. The up and coming Toronto Maple Leafs are the only club thus far with a winning record, 3-2.

Adams — The Bruins were off to a fast start, posting a 3-0 record before dropping two games on the road, back to back.

"Lemieux has 15 points and is bidding for his second Hart Ross Trophy"

However, a seven point night was registered by Cam Neely in Chicago to get the B's back on track. With three goals and four assists to Neely's credit, the Bruins walked over the Black Hawks 10-3.

Little interest in intramurals this year

Intramural activities have not had much success this fall according to Andrea Woodbury, intramural coordinator. Intramurals are held on Monday from 11-1.

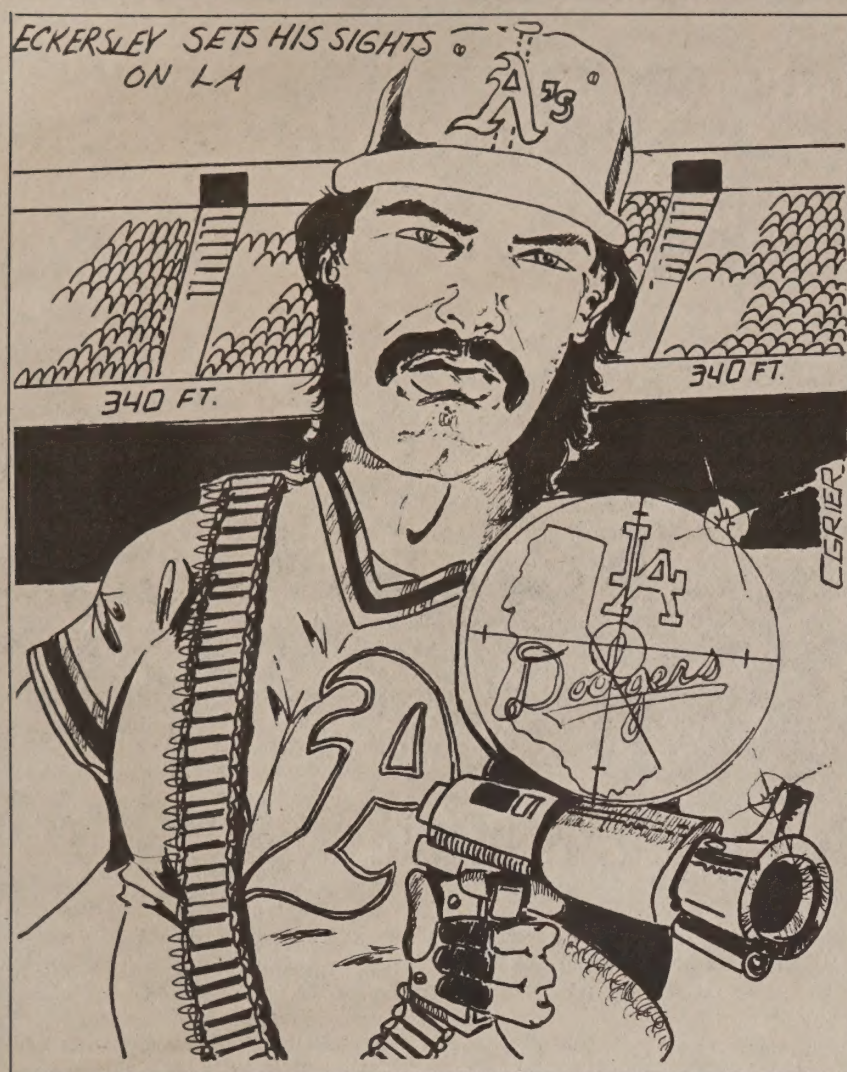
"Even though the majority of students have these hours off, they just aren't showing up to play, even if they sign up," Woodbury said.

The fall schedule consists of deep sea fishing, flag football, golf, a cross country run and street hockey. The remaining activities are women's 3 on 3 basketball, a video

tournament, a pool tournament, ping pong and a free throw contest. "I'm expecting the remaining individual contests to attract more people," she said.

The spring semester will also feature many activities. Woodbury said men's 3 on 3 basketball, golf, and tennis tournaments will be the main attractions next semester. Interested students may sign up in the gym.

Derek Bellavance



A's stopper comes back

By John Fish
Staff Reporter

It isn't easy to get more than 100 wins in a season in major league baseball, especially without a good short reliever in the bullpen. Dennis Eckersley was just that, a key part of the Oakland A's drive to the World Series this season.

After piling up 45 saves, a new club record, Eckersley went on to record four saves against the Red Sox in the American League Championship Series. Those four saves earned him an M.V.P. award.

No one ever thought that Eckersley would come back to haunt the Red Sox the way he did, but he has turned his career around. After leaving Boston due to a contract dispute, Eckersley was shipped to the Chicago Cubs. At this point in his career, he was nothing more than a washed up starting pitcher. After little success with the Cubs, he was sent to the A's just prior to the '87 season.

In what seemed like a meaningless trade, it turned out to be one of the biggest acquisitions of the year. When

Eckersley arrived too late at Oakland's spring training to get into the starting rotation, A's pitching coach Dave Duncan told Eckersley that he would begin the season in the bullpen and they would see how things went.

It turned out to be a good move. As a reliever, Eckersley was nothing short of amazing.

In '87, when starters Moose Haas and Joaquin Andujar both went down with injuries, Eckersley stayed in the pen. He finished the season with 16 saves, the same number as Oakland's former ace reliever, Jay Howell.

But the Oakland management liked what they saw, and decided that Eckersley would stay in the bullpen. This move put Howell, the former Oakland stopper on the trading block, and off he went to the L.A. Dodgers.

Oakland manager Tony LaRussa then called him in the off-season and said, "The situation has changed. You're my stopper." "I figured that," Eckersley said.

"There is a lot of glory in this job," he said, "but it's terrible when you screw up." Eckersley did very little screwing up this year, especially against the Red Sox. □

NFL finally tough on drug use

By Jim McPhail
Sports Editor

The sports world was dealt yet another stunning blow when Atlanta Falcons defensive back David Croudip died, apparently from a drug overdose. Croudip died just a day after playing in the Falcons' loss to the Los Angeles Rams earlier this month.

According to the medical examiner, Croudip died because he had ingested a large amount of cocaine into his system. You would think athletes would learn a valuable lesson from this death and the deaths of Don Rogers and former Celtic number one draft pick, Len Bias.

A brighter note to this sad tragedy is

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the fact that the NFL and other sports are realizing the severity of the drug problems that plague their respective sports and are doing something to combat these problems.

The NFL has become more strict with drug violators and for the first time, are going to be testing players for steroids starting next year.

It's now been two weeks since the Red Sox season ended all too abruptly. Morgan magic ended on a sad note, but

the season left us rich with memories.

What Sox fan can forget the 12-game win streak that started Joe Morgan's managerial career in Boston. Or what about the home game win streak that started under then manager John McNamara and seemed to last forever.

Mike Greenwell and Ellis Burks have proved that they have superstar potential, while Boggs and Evans are becoming Boston institutions. With the pitching staff that the Sox now possess, another AL East title is a probability rather than a possibility.

Speaking of baseball, I don't think many Sox fans shed tears for the New York Mets. The overconfident, cocky

Mets ran into the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series.

The Dodgers received great pitching and timely hitting to eliminate the Mets in a thrilling seven game series.

Who can understand these 1988 New England Patriots? In successive weeks, the Pats lost to the winless, and beat the undefeated.

Certainly the departure of the Sullivans is one bright spot in an otherwise bleak looking future. Now that Victor Kiam owns the Patriots will Sullivan Stadium again be known as Schaefer Stadium? Or will Kiam rename it Shaver Stadium? Stay tuned.

Here's what to expect during Sunday ballgames

By Jim McPhail
Sports Editor

L.A. Rams at New Orleans - Saints, with help from God.

N.Y. Giants at Detroit - Giants tame the Lions in the Motor City.

Green Bay at Buffalo - Bills are headed for the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

Cincinnati at Cleveland - Bernie's Browns barrel by Bengals.

Washington at Houston - Oilers have trouble against good teams.

Kansas City at L.A. Raiders - Kirk Gibson decides to play football to help Bo Jackson and the Raiders.

Miami at Tampa Bay - Shula and the Dolphins are swimming in the right direction.

Chicago at New England - Bears are too much for the up-and-down Patriots.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets - Chuck Noll yearns for yesterday.

San Diego at Seattle - The Boz is upset that his book hasn't become a best-seller.

Atlanta at Philadelphia - Eagles soar high over the lowly Falcons.

Phoenix at Dallas - Lomax deals all the right cards.

Minnesota at San Francisco - 49'ers get revenge for last year's playoff loss.

Denver at Indianapolis - This has not been Ron Meyer's year.

Season Record: 19-8-1

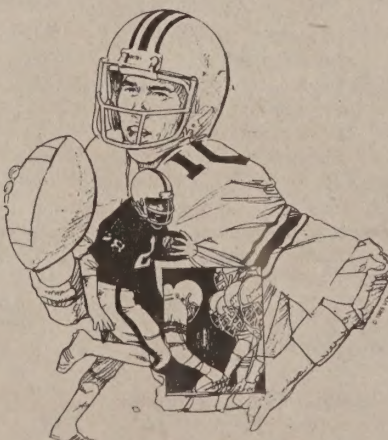
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NFL Observer picks the winners

Sports trivia challenges all

By Jim McPhail
Sports Editor

1. What ballpark was the site of New York Yankee home games in 1974 and 1975?
2. What number golf iron was once known as a niblick?
3. Who was the first NHL player to record six 50-goal seasons?
4. How many feet apart are the uprights on NFL goalposts?
5. How long is the longest legal baseball



bat?

6. What was the first team to fail to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl?
7. Former NBA great Bill Bradley is a senator from which state?
8. What National League ballplayer was named player of the '70s by *The Sporting News*?
9. What was Boston Bruins goaltending great Cecil Thompson's nickname?
10. What Pennsylvania community plays host to the Little League World Series? □

By Casey Riddles
Staff Reporter

L.A. Rams at New Orleans - New Orleans ain't ain'ts no more.

N.Y. Giants at Detroit - Giants stomp on the Lions.

Green Bay at Buffalo - Kelly will burn the Packers, bad.

Cincinnati at Cleveland - Kosar's offense and the dawgs defense will rule.

Washington at Houston - Oilers don't know what a win is anymore.

K.C. at L.A. Raiders - Bo doesn't mess around, but it's just a hobby.

Miami at Tampa Bay - Experience over youth, and Marino's not exactly old anyway.

Chicago at New England - Even Flutie couldn't pull this one off.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets - Pittsburgh needs a Franco or Terry, not a Bubba.

San Diego at Seattle - The Boz doesn't like warm weather teams, they remind him of Miami.

Atlanta at Philadelphia - Eagles will down the lowly Falcons.

Phoenix at Dallas - Dallas doesn't want to lose to a team that has approximately three fans.

Minnesota at San Francisco - Rematch of last year's playoff game will have the same result.

Denver at Indianapolis - Elway beat Dickerson in L.A., and he'll do it again. Season Record: 15-12-1

It's apple time

This ancient fruit's history goes back to Garden of Eden

By Arleen Scully
Staff Reporter

Apples are as old as mankind, and just as soon as humans learned to write, they began their recorded history. Many of our most fascinating stories, fables, and legends are woven around apples. Was it an apple that tempted Adam in the Garden of Eden? The Bible doesn't say so, but down through the centuries we have credited the apple with man's downfall, probably because its superlative beauty and flavor would make it difficult to resist!

King Solomon, in his wisdom, hailed the apple as a fruit of healing. Ages later, in Devonshire, this saying arose: "Ate an apple afore gwain to bed. Makes the doctor beg his bread." And today we claim, with substantial evidence to support it, that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Greek and Roman myths abound in stories about the apple, symbol of love and beauty. Even today we refer to something or someone we prize as "the apple of our eye."

An apple was the cause of the Trojan War. It all began because Eris, Goddess of Discord, was miffed when she was not invited to the wedding of Peleus and Thetis. To avenge this snub, she had an artisan make an apple of solid gold, inscribed "To the Fairest." And on the day of the nuptials she tossed it among the guests. Three goddesses claimed it — Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. To put an end to their squabbling, Paris was called upon to judge what may have been the first beauty contest.

It appears that even goddesses were not above bribery. Hera promised Paris power and riches in return for the apple.



Athena offered glory and renown as a warrior. But Aphrodite held out a reward no one could resist, the fairest of all earthly women for a wife — Helen of Troy. Unfortunately Helen was already married to Menelaus, King of Sparta, who failed to appreciate her abduction by Paris. So began a war that lasted ten long years!

It is said that when Zeus and Hera were married in the Garden of the Gods, a wonderful tree bearing golden apples sprang from the earth. These apples had "a taste of honey" and cured all illnesses.

Atalanta, beautiful goddess and huntress, was also fleet of foot. She challenged every man who sought her hand to a race, promising that if he won she would marry him, but if he lost, he must die.

Because she was so beautiful, many men accepted the terms, and as many died, until one, called Heppomemes, bethought himself to pray to Aphrodite before the race.

She answered his prayers by giving him three golden apples. Following her in during the race. Each time, Atalanta was tempted beyond her strength and stopped to retrieve the apple, thus losing the race and winning a husband.

British folklore, too, is filled with praise of apples. An ancient Saxon coronation benediction reads, "Bless, oh Lord, the



Autumn in New England

K. Alfeiri photo

IN AN UNUSUAL scene at a local Merrimack Valley farm, several hundred cows created a traffic jam, forcing hundreds of foliage seeking tourists and apple pickers to seek an alternate route.

courage of this Prince and prosper the works in his hands and may this land be filled with apples."

In Herefordshire, Devonshire, and Cornwall the old custom of "wassailing" the apple orchards on Christmas Eve still persists. The farmers walk in procession to a chosen tree in each orchard where an incantation is spoken and a bowl of cider dashed against the trunk of the tree, thus insuring a fruitful harvest.

Superstitions follow on legends, and in Devonshire this "cure" for warts may still be in use today: Halve an apple, rub it on warts, tie it back together again and bury it. The warts will vanish.

In Lincolnshire a poultice of rotten apples was once recommended for rheumatism. (Fresh apples in the diet may have been more effective!) And in Cornwall, in 1562, a clergyman treated every illness with a diet of apples and milk. □

Try these apple, pumpkin recipes today

By Arleen Scully
Staff Reporter

Autumn is here and a family outing to your favorite farm leaves you wondering how to use the wonderful, fresh fruits you have harvested. Here are a few new recipes to try.

Apple Cake with Hot Spice Sauce

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon apple pie seasoning
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 tart apples; peeled, cored and chopped
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- ¼ cup apple cider

Sauce:

- 1 cup water
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 5 tablespoons apple cider
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Blend in flour, spices, baking soda and salt; then chopped apples, nuts and cider. Mix together and pour into a greased 9" cake pan. Bake 45 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream and sauce. Serves 8-10.

Sauce: Combine ingredients in saucepan and stir until boiling. Simmer 5 minutes. Serve warm poured over cake.

Apple Crabmeat Appetizer

- 2 cans (6½ ounces each) crabmeat



- 6 pitted ripe olives, sliced
 - 2 tablespoons very finely diced Cheddar cheese
 - 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish mayonnaise
 - 6 thick unpeeled apple rings
- Flake crabmeat; combine with olives, cheese, horseradish and enough mayonnaise to hold ingredients together. Put one apple ring on each serving dish; cut into bite-size pieces while keeping in a circle. Place mound of crabmeat on each slice. Makes 6 servings.

Main Dish Apple Curry

- 1 pound stewing lamb
 - 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1 onion, chopped fine
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1 tablespoon curry powder
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - ½ teaspoon powdered ginger
 - ¼ teaspoon sugar
 - ¼ teaspoon chili powder
 - 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
 - 2 cups chopped apple
- Cut lamb in 1-inch pieces. Heat oil in skillet. Sauté onion and garlic in oil until

golden brown. Add curry powder, paprika, ginger, sugar and chili powder; cook until brown. Add lamb; brown on all sides. Add tomato paste and enough boiling water to cover. Cover; cook 20 minutes. Add apples; cook 10 minutes longer. Serve with rice. Serves about 5.

Old-Fashioned Apple Pie

- 6 to 8 large tart apples
 - Pastry for 2-crust pie
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 teaspoons flour
 - ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
 - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Pare apples, cut in quarters. Remove cores; slice thin. Line 9" pie pan with pastry. Mix sugar, flour and spices; rub a little sugar mixture into pastry. Arrange sliced apples overlapping in pan. Add remaining sugar mixture. Dot with butter or margarine. Cut slits in top crust; moisten edge of lower crust. Place top crust over apples; press edges together; trim. Bake at 425° for 40 to 45 minutes, or until apples are tender.

Chocolate Apple Nibbles

Core but do not pare red apples; cut in eighths. Melt semi-sweet chocolate over hot water; stick wooden picks into peel of apple; dip in melted chocolate, leaving peeled side uncoated. Place on waxed paper; chill.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

Prepare:
9" baked pie shell

Soak:

- 1 tablespoon gelatin in ¼ cup cold water

Beat slightly:

- 3 egg yolks
- Add:**
- ½ cup sugar
- 1¼ cups cooked pumpkin
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon each: cinnamon and nutmeg

Cook and stir these ingredients over, not in, hot water until thick. Stir in the soaked gelatin until dissolved. Chill. Whip egg yolks until stiff but not dry. When the pumpkin mixture begins to set, stir in ½ cup sugar and fold in the egg whites. Fill the pie shell with the mixture. Chill to set. Serve garnished with whip cream.

In the event that these recipes do not fit your time schedule, have fun and decorate those pumpkins for Halloween or Thanksgiving and peel those apples and let them dry for some decorative apple-faced dolls.

